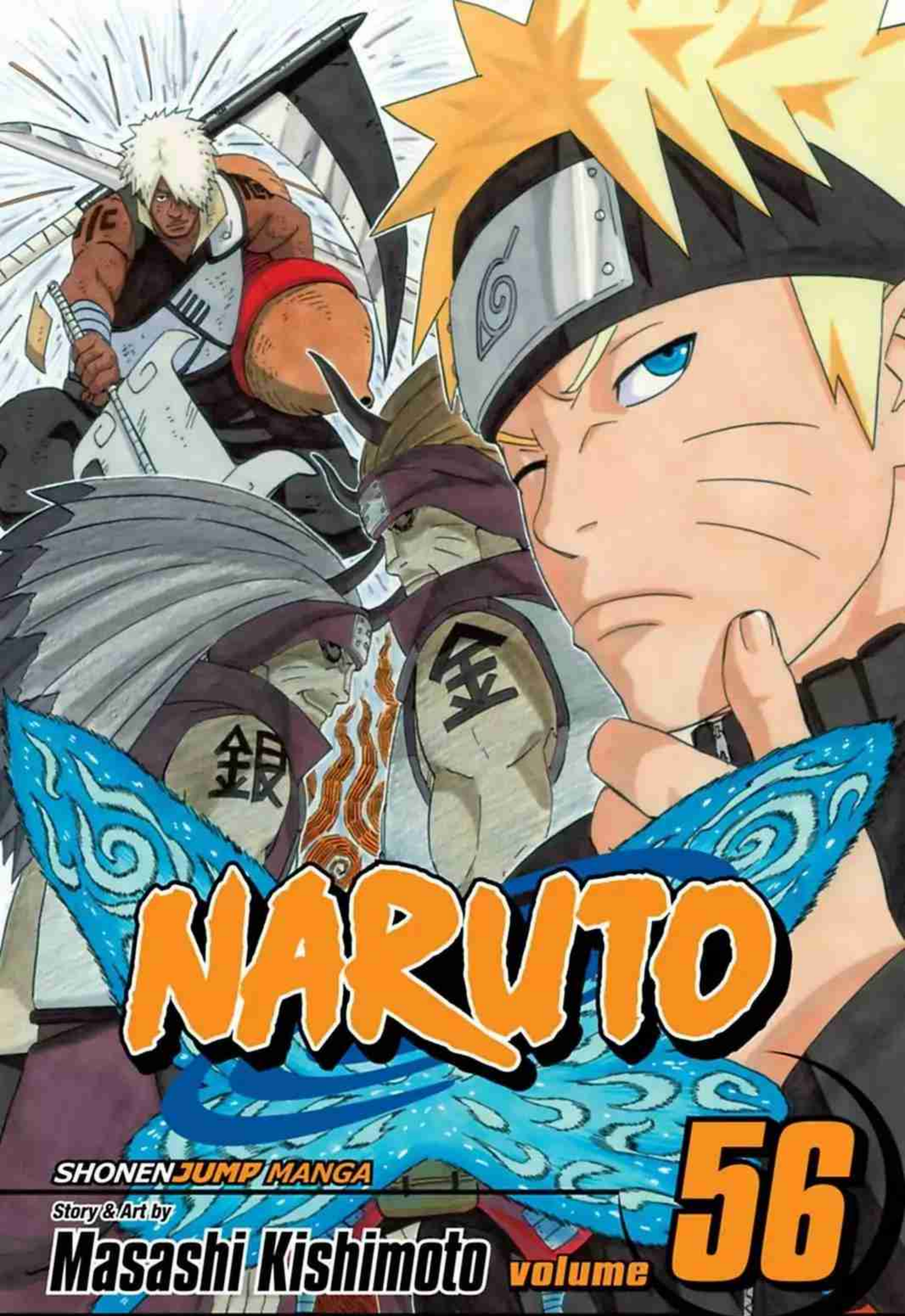
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—*Masashi Kishimoto, 2011*

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Sakura サクラ

Sai サイ

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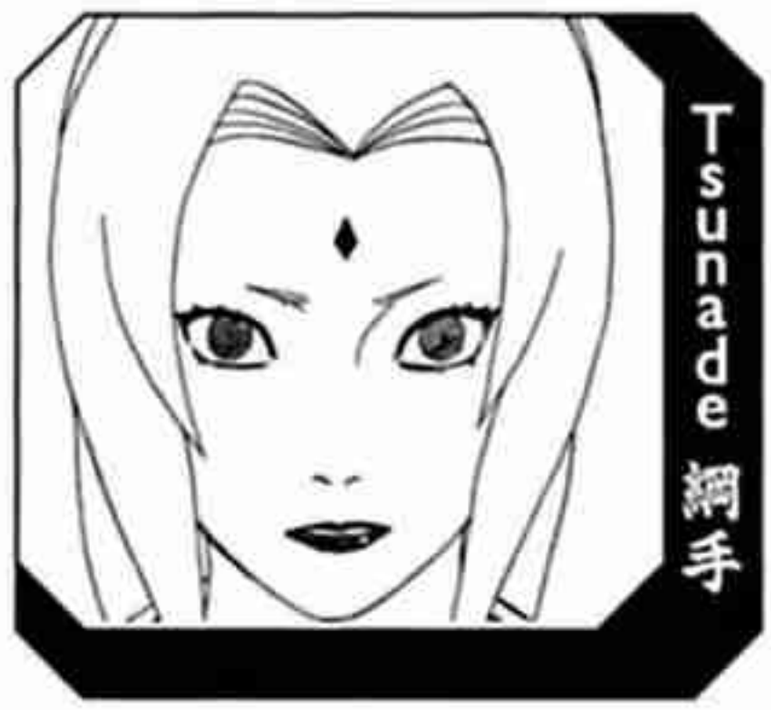
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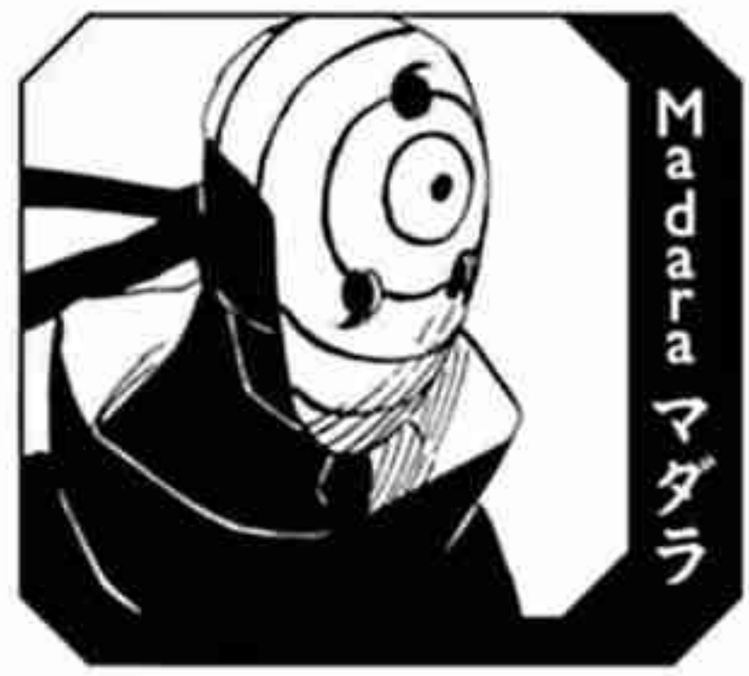

THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power…

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. Elsewhere, after winning the heroic battle against Itachi and learning his older brother's true intentions, Sasuke allies with the Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha.

Upon Madara's declaration of war, the Five Kage put together an Allied Shinobi Force. The Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki begins. Naruto continues training, still sequestered from the battlefield, while the Allied Forces fight harsh battles against the heroes Kabuto has resurrected. And do additional enemies threaten the main regiment of the Allied Forces?!

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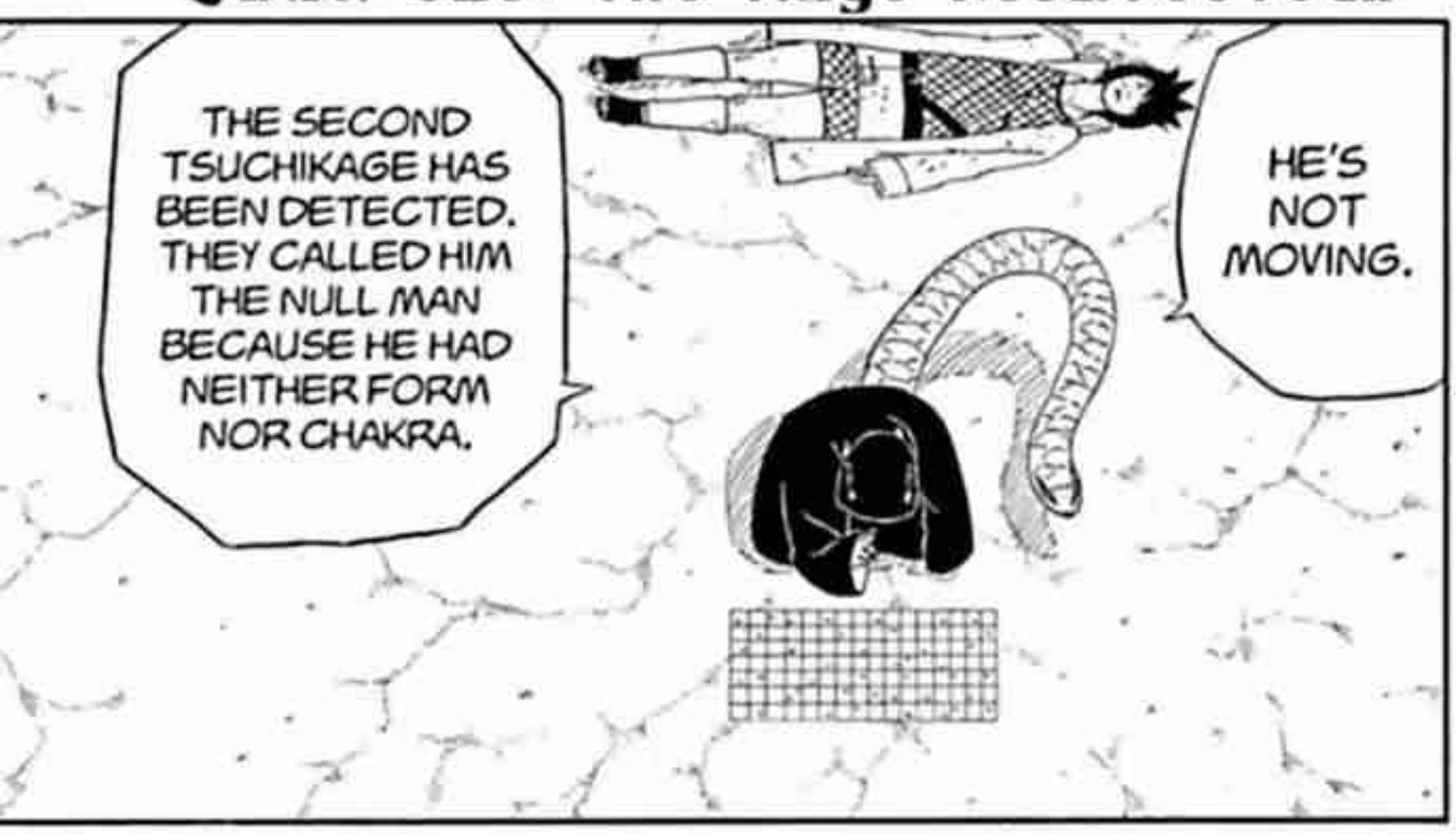

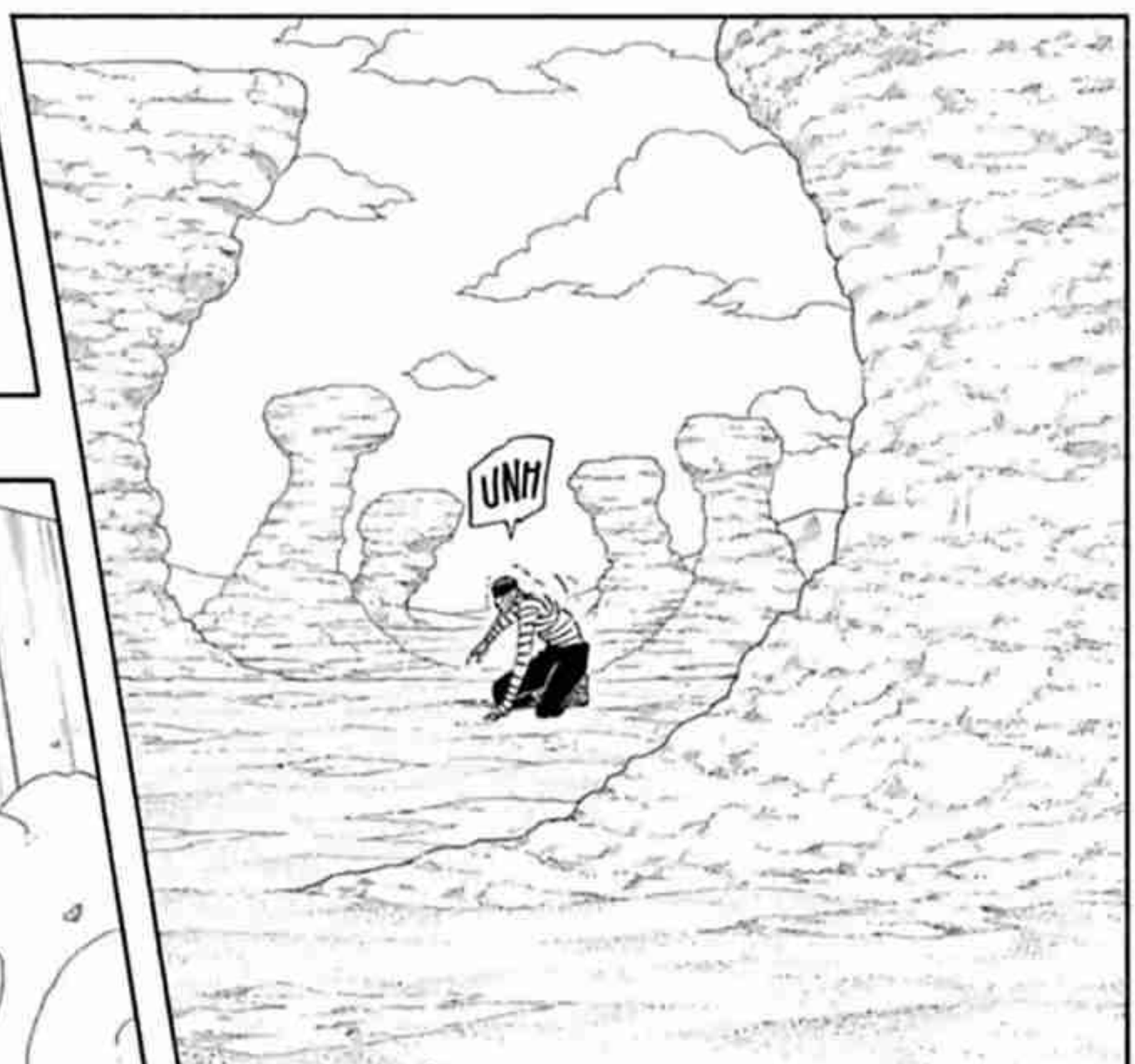

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Number 525: The Kage Resurrected!!

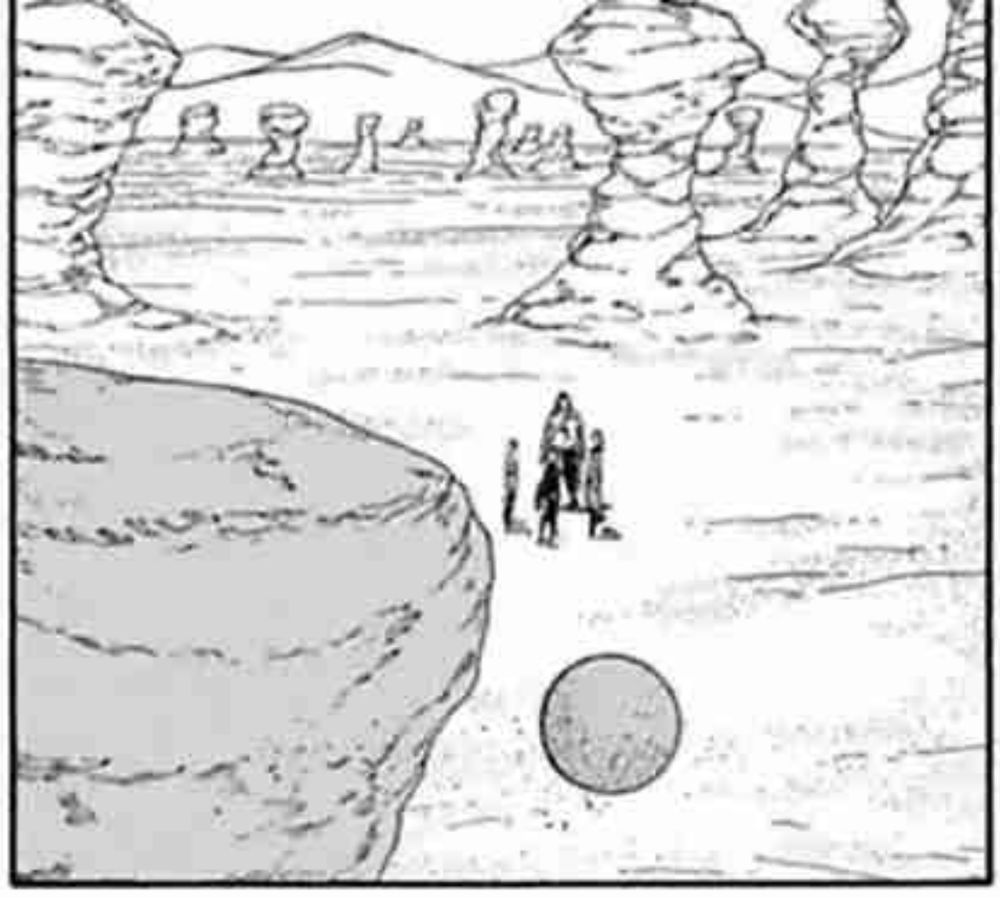
BUT, WAIT!! YOU ALSO DIED THAT DAY!
I KILLED YOU–
NEVER MIND THAT NOW. LISTEN TO ME.
WHERE'S THE SECOND HOKAGE?
I DON'T SENSE HIM ANYWHERE. BUT I SENSE SOMEONE ELSE.

THE DEAD ?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
HAVE YOU FOR-GOTTEN?
I KILLED YOU. YOU'VE BEEN DEAD A LONG TIME, SECOND MIZUKAGE.
SHUP!
AAH, YES.

I KNOW YOU. YOU'RE...

A CHAKRA THAT FEELS THE SAME AS THIS NEW-COMER.
AND AN ARMY.

I'M THE FOURTH KAZE-KAGE.
MY PREDE-CESSORS HAVE TOLD ME OF YOUR EXPLOITS.



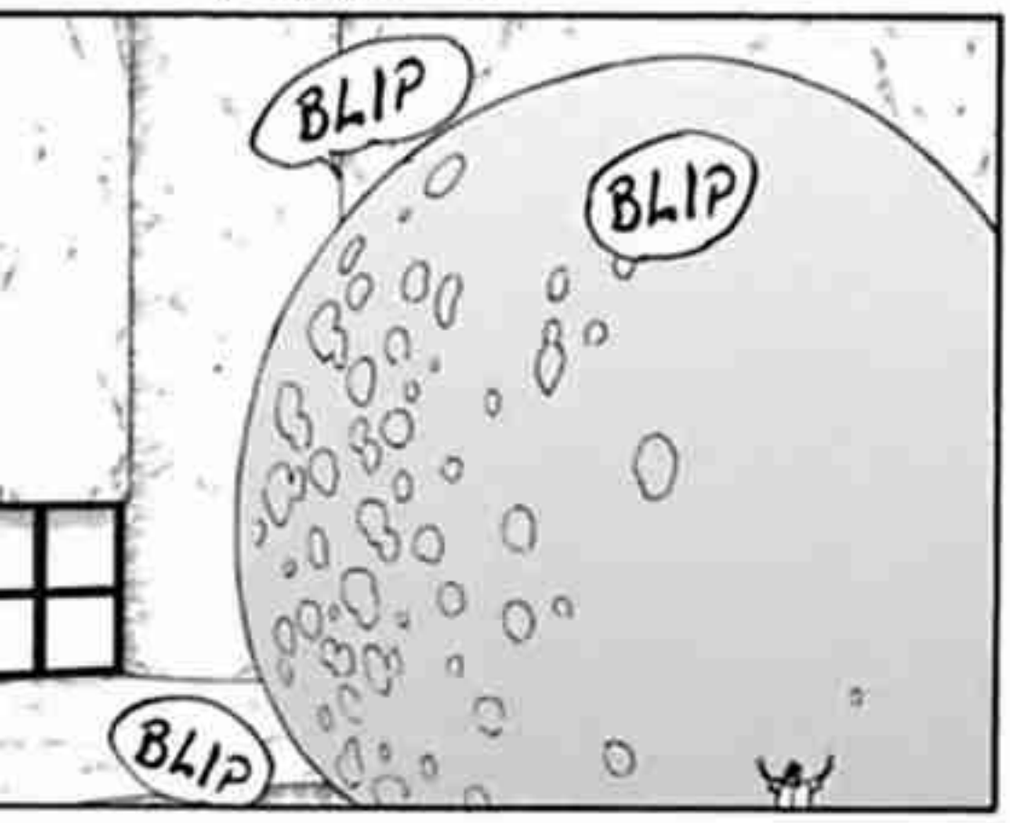
AND ONE OF THEM...
FOUR.

BY MY TIME, THE SECOND HOKAGE WAS LONG DECEASED. BUT...
THERE WAS ONE WHO HAD MASTERED THE EDOTENSEI JUTSU. OROCHIMARU.

愛
...IS FATHER ...

BUT THERE'S BEEN NO WORD FROM HQ. WHAT'S GOING ON?
!
HE'S GIVING THE SIGNAL. THE ENEMY'S CLOSE.

FSH...



THE SECOND MIZUKAGE! THE SECOND TSUCHIKAGE! THE FOURTH KAZEKAGE! AND...

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOURTH COMPANY! THEY'VE DISCOVERED FOUR ENEMIES!

HE'S SKILLED.
THERE WAS SOMEONE THAT EVEN HQ'S SENSORY RADAR JUTSU COULDN'T DETECT?

WHAT ?!!
!!
WO
MP

DARUI'S FIRST COMPANY IS GOING TO COME UNDER ATTACK FROM THOUSANDS!
LORD AO! THERE ARE TOO MANY. I CAN'T PINPOINT SPECIFIC SHINOBI!
I NEED SOME KIND OF HELP DIFFEREN-TIATING EDOTENSEI FROM THE WHITE NINJA!

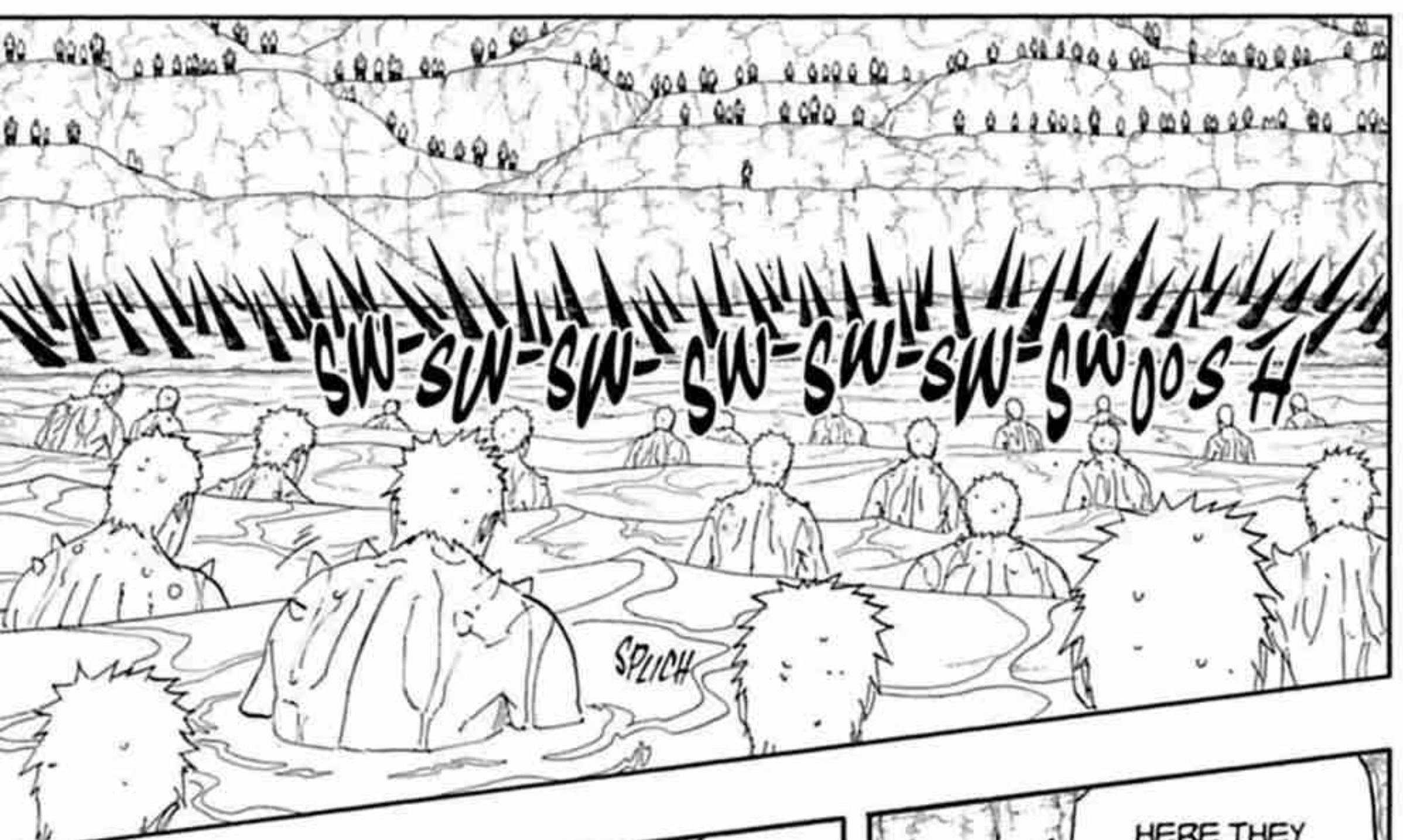
MY FATHER ?!!
HOW DARE THE AKA-TSUKI!

MM...

YOU TAKE CHARGE OF THE BROAD SCAN!
ALL RIGHT!

KA VOOOSH

EACH ONE IS MORE POWER-FUL THAN THE LAST!!
!!
NO!! THERE ARE TOO MANY EDOTENSEI ATTACKING FIRST COMPANY!!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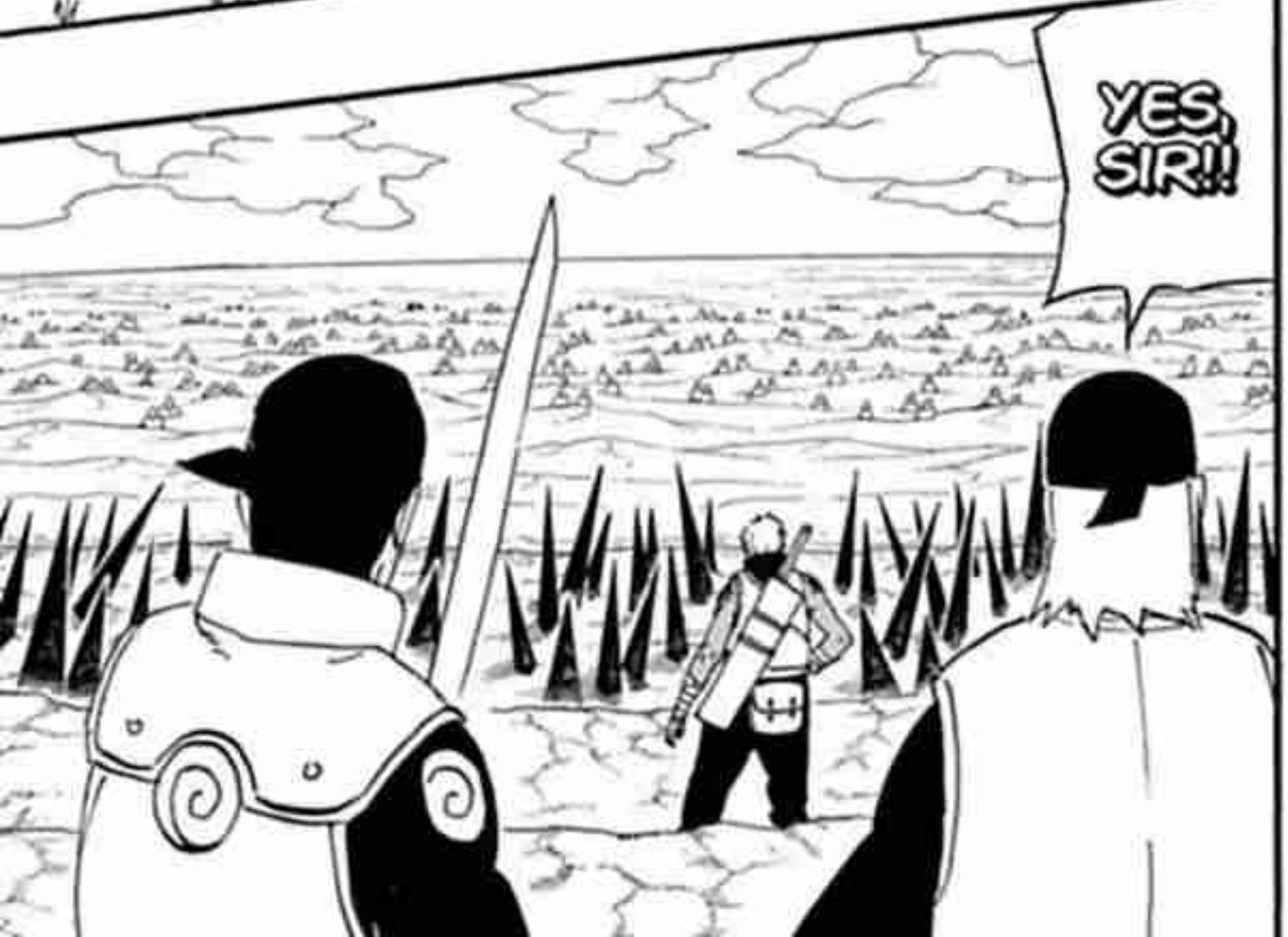

YES, SIR!!

HERE THEY COME. GIVE THE SIGNAL TO PREPARE FOR BATTLE.

JUST AS HQ REPORTED, I CAN CONFIRM WHICH ARE ADEPT WITH THE BYAKUGAN.

THEIR NUMBER IS NOT THE ONLY CONCERN.

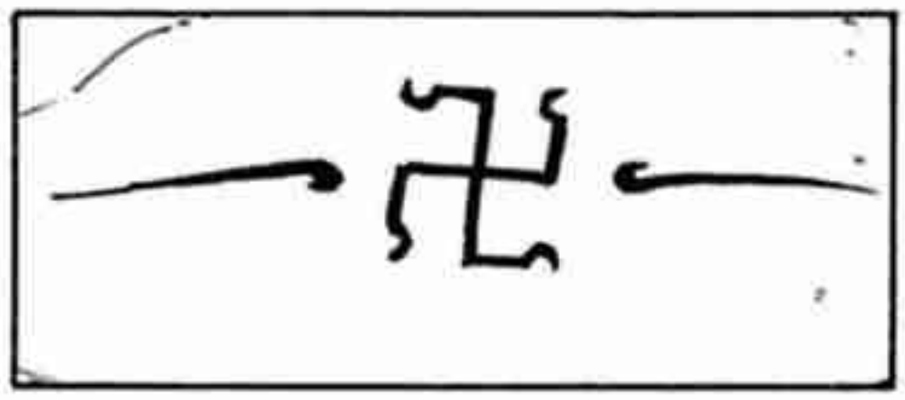
OH MY. THERE'RE SO MANY OF THEM.

?!

LORD HIASHI! IN THE DIRECTION OF TWO O'CLOCK!

TH-THAT'S ...!

...!!

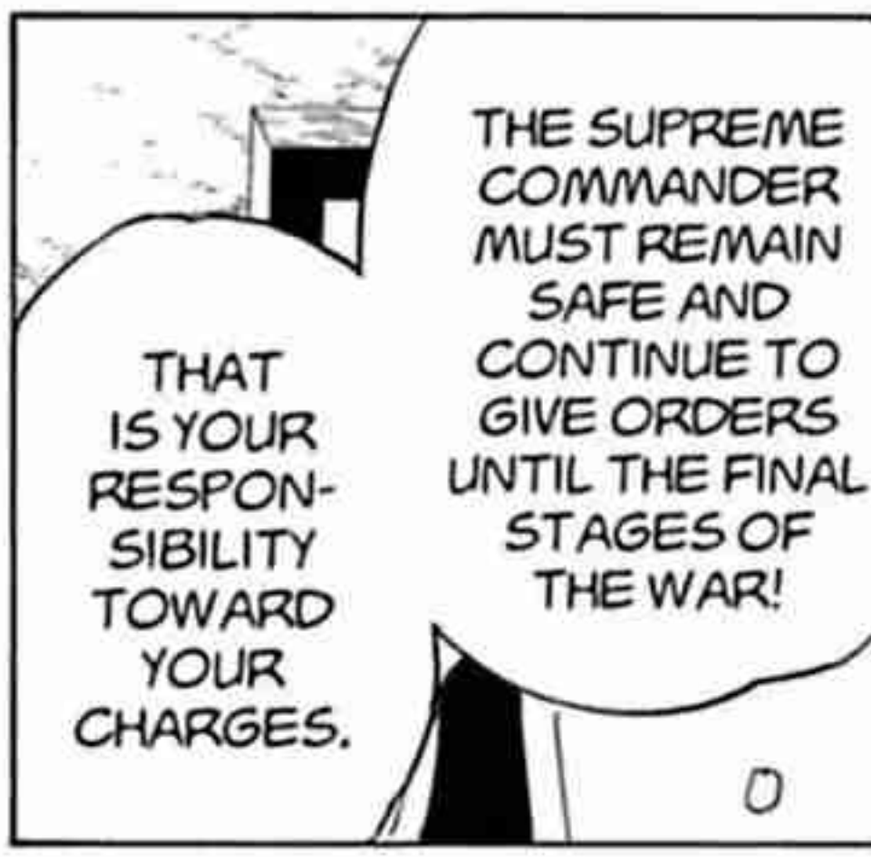


N-NO WAY. THAT'S ...
WHO ARE THEY?!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
UNH
IT'S...
LORDS KINKAKU AND GINKAKU !!

IF THAT'S TRUE, I MUST JOIN THE RANKS ON THE BATTLEFIELD MYSELF!

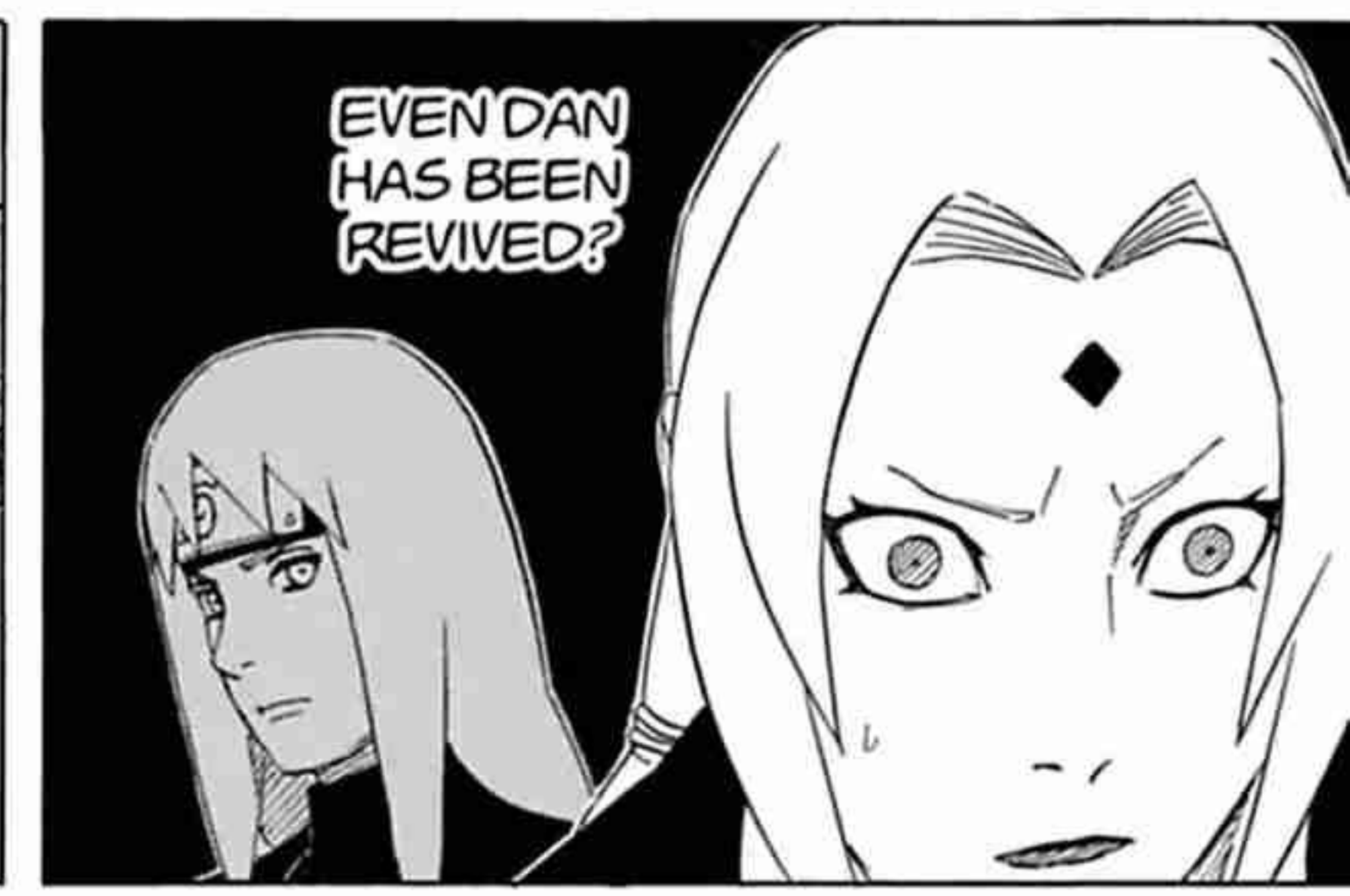
GAH!! THERE'S NO MISTAKE, IT'S THE GOLD AND SILVER BROTHERS OF KUMOGAKURE!!

THEY HAVE NINE TAILS' CHAKRA! INCRED-IBLE!
WHO ARE THESE TWO?!


THAT IS YOUR RESPON-SIBILITY TOWARD YOUR CHARGES.
THE SUPREME COMMANDER MUST REMAIN SAFE AND CONTINUE TO GIVE ORDERS UNTIL THE FINAL STAGES OF THE WAR!

PLEASE RECONSIDER, SIR! YOU'RE THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ALLIED SHINOBI FORCES, LORD RAIKAGE!

GRRRR.
UNH
UNH


EVEN DAN HAS BEEN REVIVED?

READ THIS WAY

YOU'VE GOT TO UTILIZE YOUR ARMY TO FIT EACH SOLDIER'S STRENGTHS.

LOOK AT THE MAP!

A

DARUI'S FIRST COMPANY

KITSUCHI'S SECOND COMPANY

MIFUNÉ'S FIFTH COMPANY

GAARA'S FOURTH COMPANY

B

HERE, THEY'RE LABELED BATTLEFIELDS A AND B.

WHEN YOU FACE AN ENEMY ON TWO FRONTS, YOU NEED TO OVERLOAD ONE FRONT FIRST AND WIN A DECISIVE VICTORY!

DARUI'S COMPANY CANNOT POSSIBLY STAND UP TO THIS MANY POWERFUL SHINOBI.

I'VE GOT TO KEEP UP WITH MY STRATEGY ANALYSIS!

FSH

THE TIDE OF BATTLE CHANGES TOO QUICKLY.

KITSUCHI'S SECOND COMPANY NEEDS TO FAN OUT LENGTHWISE. THEY MUST SURROUND THE ENEMY AND BOX THEM IN.

MIFUNÉ'S FIFTH COMPANY NEEDS TO JOIN UP WITH FIRST COMPANY TO REINFORCE THE RANKS WHILE MAINTAINING THE BELT FORMATION.

KITSUCHI'S SECOND COMPANY

A

DARUI'S FIRST COMPANY

MIFUNÉ'S FIFTH COMPANY

GAARA'S FOURTH COMPANY

B

IN OUR CASE, START WITH A!

CONCENTRATE FORCES AROUND DARUI'S FIRST COMPANY!

GAARA'S FOURTH COMPANY NEEDS TO RETREAT INTO A REVERSE L-FORMATION. THIS WILL LURE THE ENEMY FORWARD.

KITSUCHI'S SECOND COMPANY

A

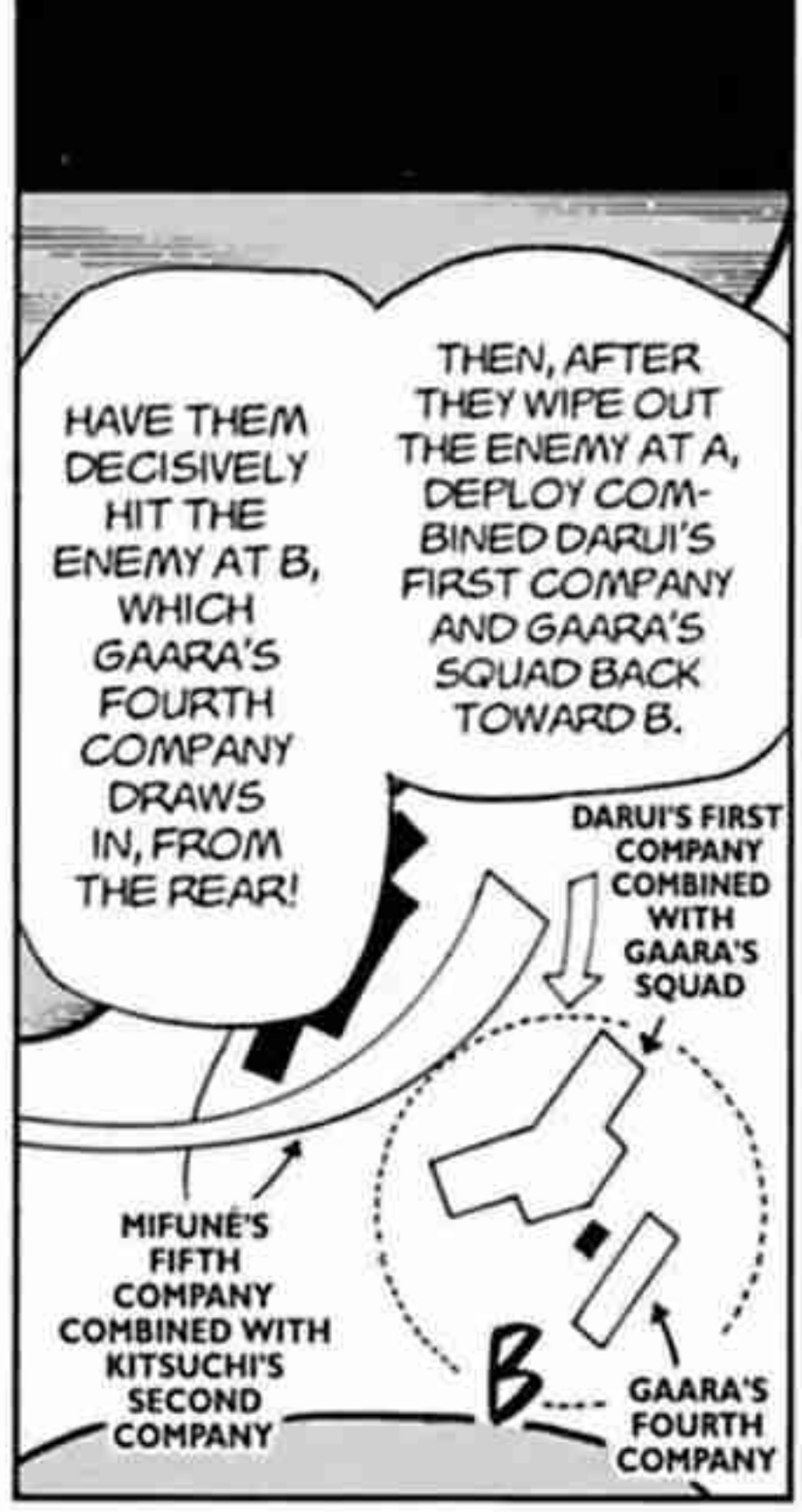
DARUI'S FIRST COMPANY

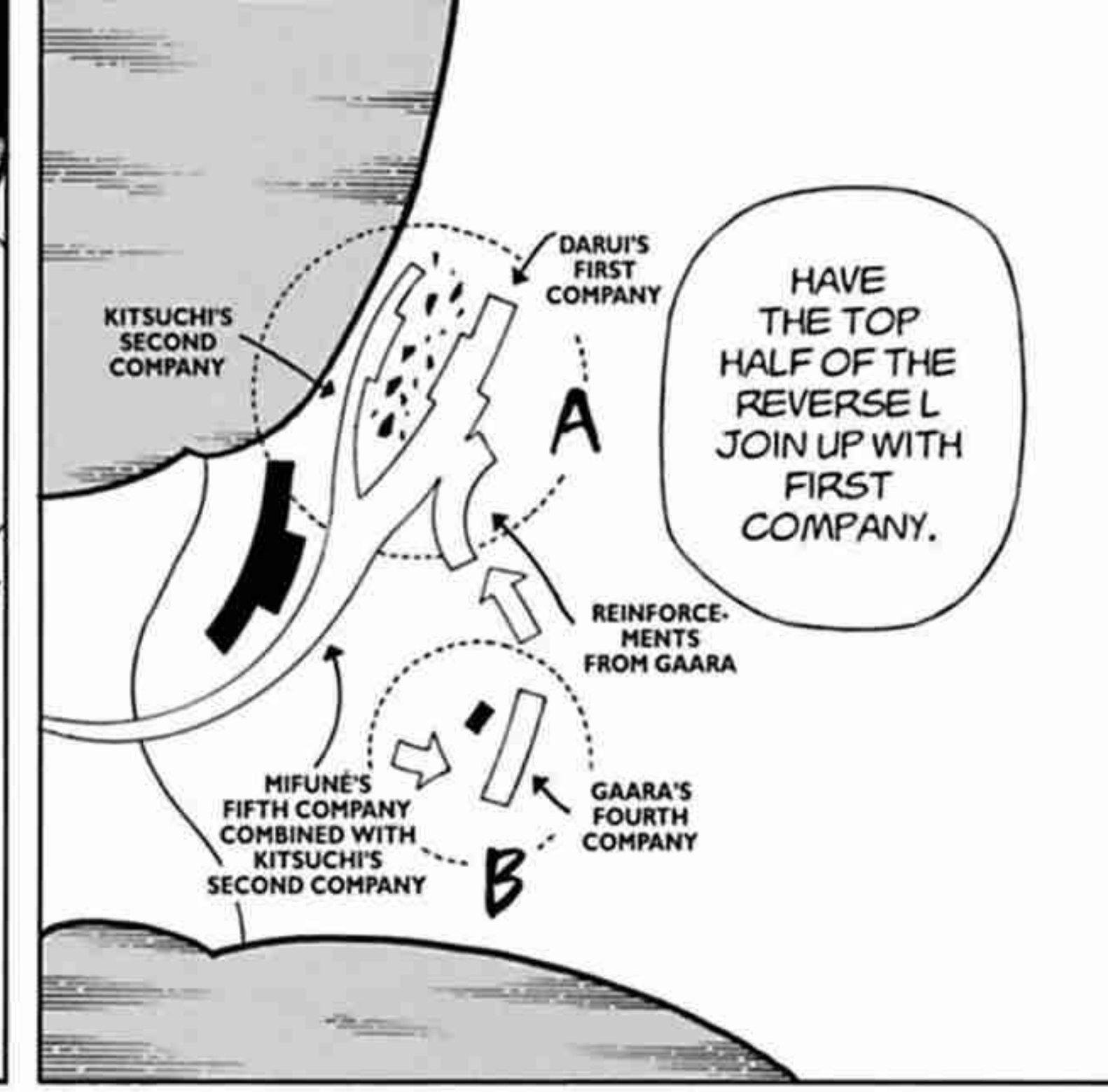
MIFUNÉ'S FIFTH COMPANY

GAARA'S FOURTH COMPANY

B

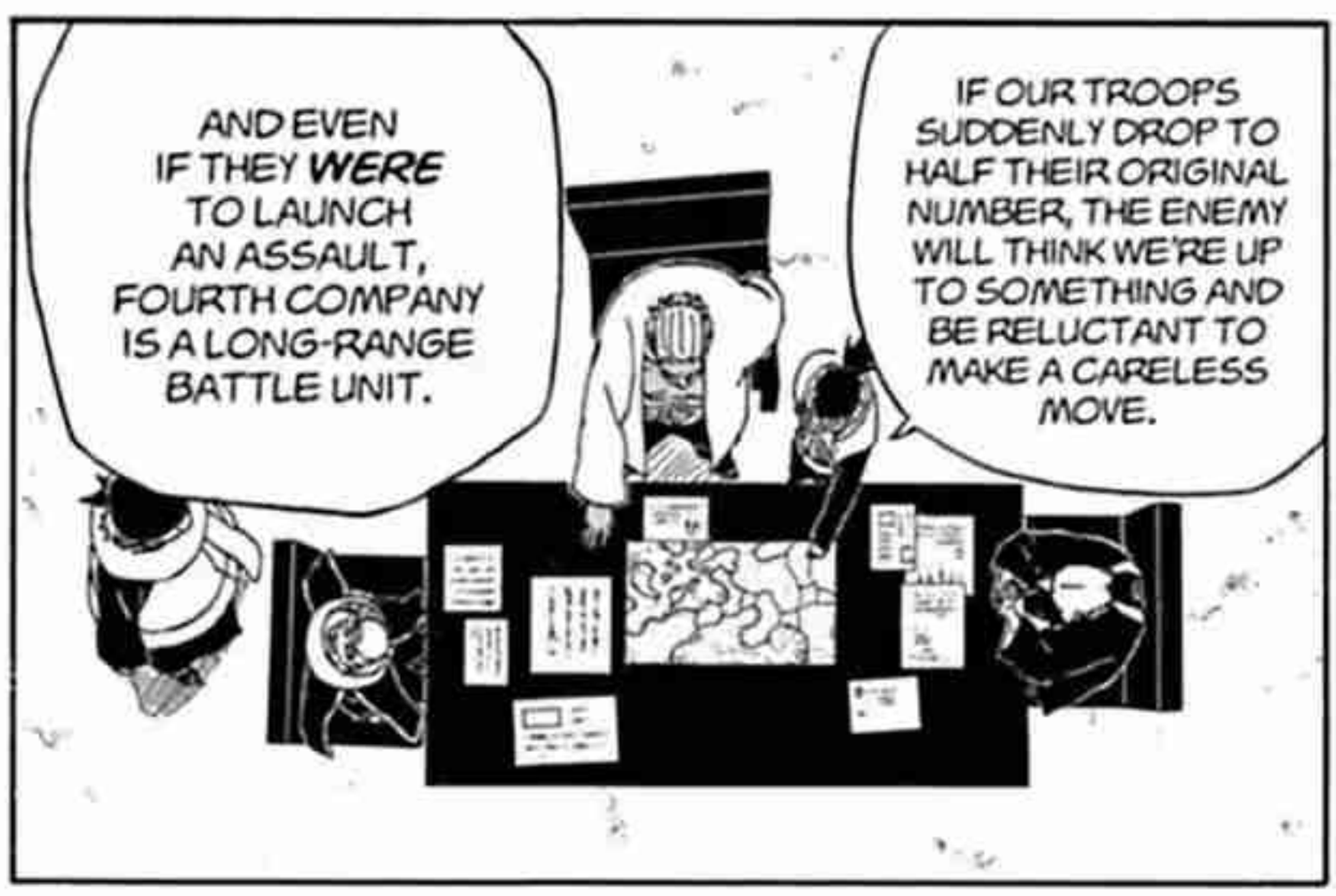
SECOND COMPANY WILL BE STRETCHED THIN, BUT FIFTH COMPANY WILL BUTTRESS THEM.

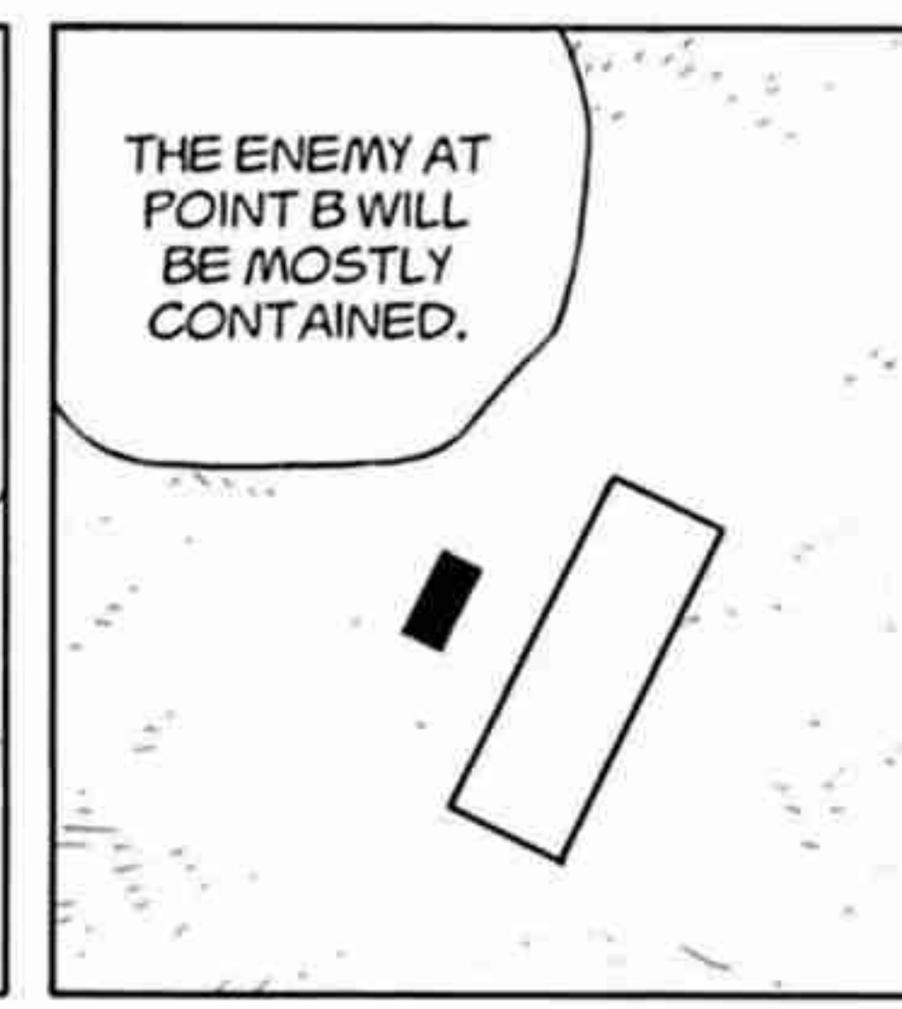

HAVE THEM DECISIVELY HIT THE ENEMY AT B, WHICH GAARA'S FOURTH COMPANY DRAWS IN, FROM THE REAR!
THEN, AFTER THEY WIPE OUT THE ENEMY AT A, DEPLOY COMBINED DARUI'S FIRST COMPANY AND GAARA'S SQUAD BACK TOWARD B.
DARUI'S FIRST COMPANY COMBINED WITH GAARA'S SQUAD
MIFUNE'S FIFTH COMPANY COMBINED WITH KITSUCHI'S SECOND COMPANY
B
GAARA'S FOURTH COMPANY


DARUI'S FIRST COMPANY
KITSUCHI'S SECOND COMPANY
A
HAVE THE TOP HALF OF THE REVERSE L JOIN UP WITH FIRST COMPANY.
REINFORCEMENTS FROM GAARA
MIFUNE'S FIFTH COMPANY COMBINED WITH KITSUCHI'S SECOND COMPANY
GAARA'S FOURTH COMPANY
B

KITSUCHI'S COMPANY IS ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH THE ENEMY.
THE SECOND AND FIFTH COMPANIES ARE NEAR BATTLEFIELD A AND CAN BE MOBILIZED QUICKLY.
THEY CAN ATTACK THE WHITE NINJA FROM BEHIND.

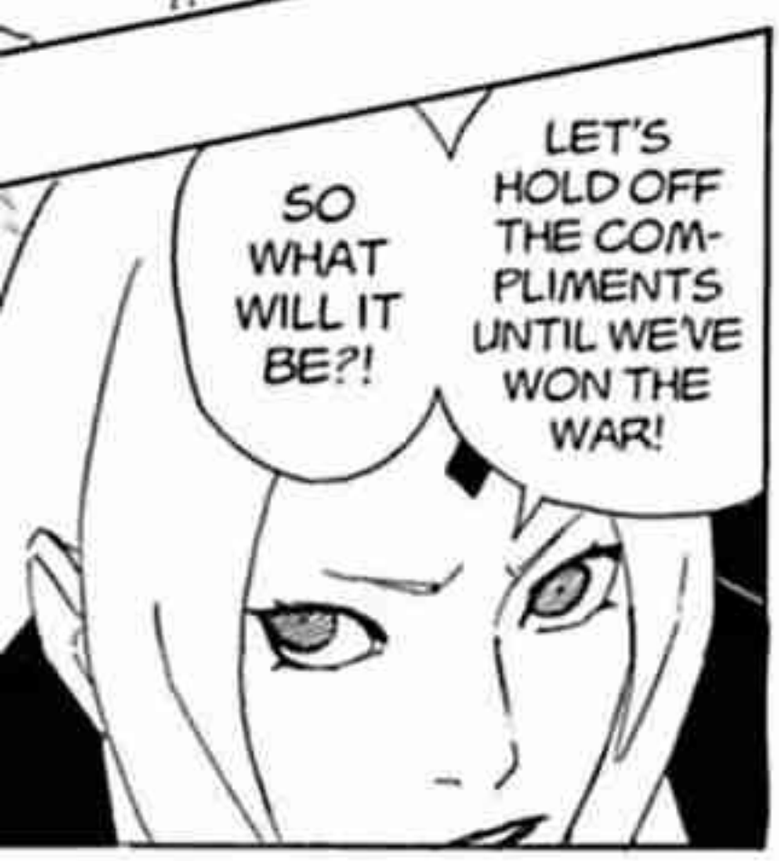
IF YOU SPLIT GAARA'S COMPANY IN HALF, THE ENEMY AT B MAY USE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO LAUNCH AN ALL-OUT ASSAULT.
WHY START WITH A?


AND EVEN IF THEY WERE TO LAUNCH AN ASSAULT, FOURTH COMPANY IS A LONG-RANGE BATTLE UNIT.
IF OUR TROOPS SUDDENLY DROP TO HALF THEIR ORIGINAL NUMBER, THE ENEMY WILL THINK WE'RE UP TO SOMETHING AND BE RELUCTANT TO MAKE A CARELESS MOVE.


THE ENEMY AT POINT B WILL BE MOSTLY CONTAINED.

WELL, SUPREME COMMANDER?

IF THEY'RE ENGAGED, IT'LL GIVE US TIME TO SET UP CLOSE-RANGE COMBAT.
THEY SPECIALIZE IN DISTANCE FIGHTING.


SO WHAT WILL IT BE?!
LET'S HOLD OFF THE COMPLIMENTS UNTIL WE'VE WON THE WAR!

YOU'VE GOT GOOD SHINOBI, TSUNADE.
NO WONDER KONOHA'S BEEN DIFFICULT TO DEFEAT.

ALL RIGHT. LET'S TRY IT!

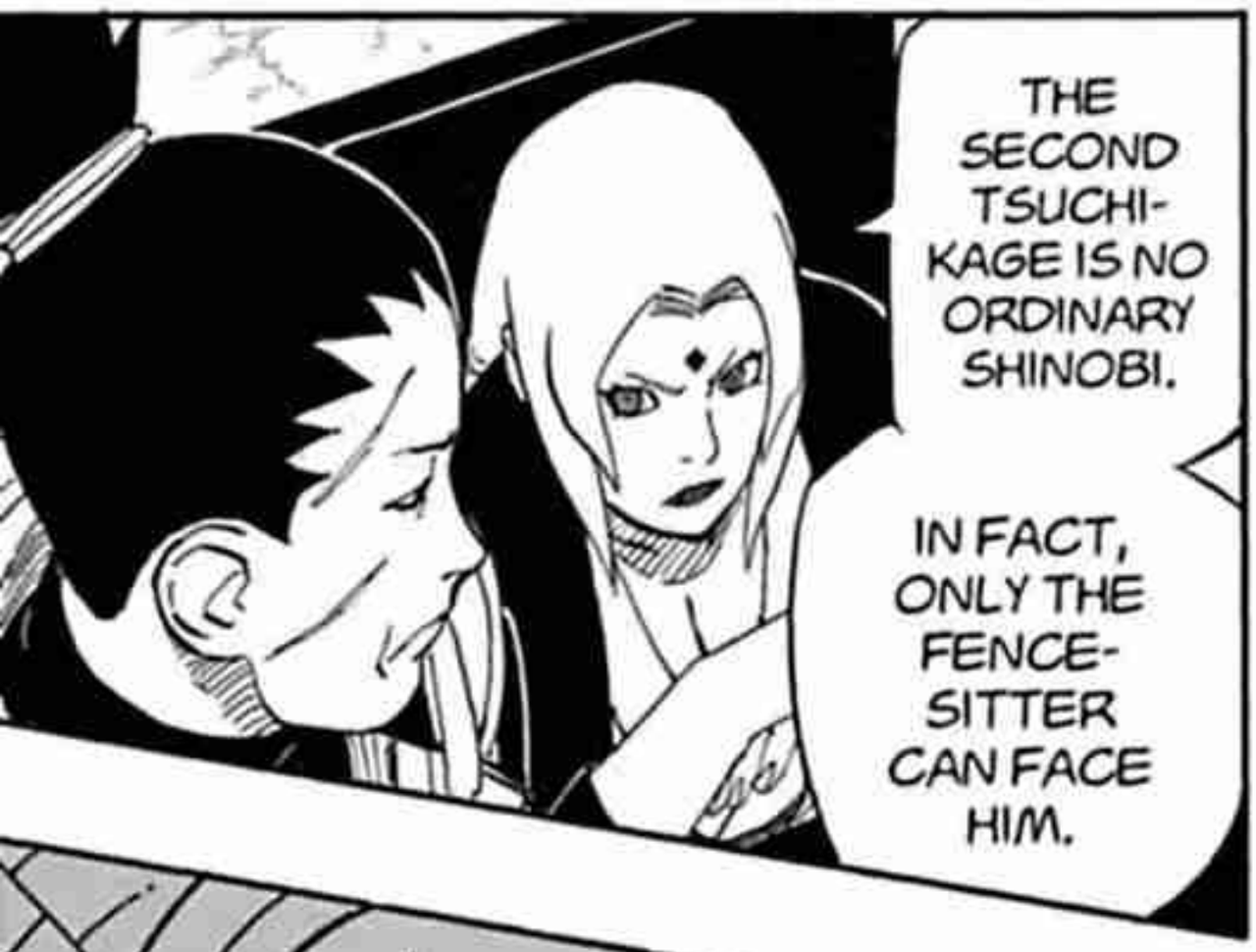
I'VE ALREADY RELAYED ALL OF IT!
INOICHI! PAYING ATTEN-TION?!

AND I'VE HAD SHIZUNE DIVIDE THE INJURED UP EVENLY TO BE TREATED!

MIFUNÉ'S COMPANY HAS ALSO BEEN CONTACTED REGARDING THE COMMANDO UNIT, AND THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY!

IF I MAY INTERJECT ONE THING?

I THINK IT'S TIME FOR INO-SHIKA-CHO TO MAKE A RARE APPEAR-ANCE.
GOOD.


THE SECOND TSUCHI-KAGE IS NO ORDINARY SHINOBI.
IN FACT, ONLY THE FENCE-SITTER CAN FACE HIM.

YES, SIR?
YOU NEED TO ALTER YOUR PLAN SLIGHTLY.
HOW ?

HE POSSESSES KEKKEI TOUTA, A HERITABLE TRAIT MORE POWERFUL THAN KEKKEI GENKAI.

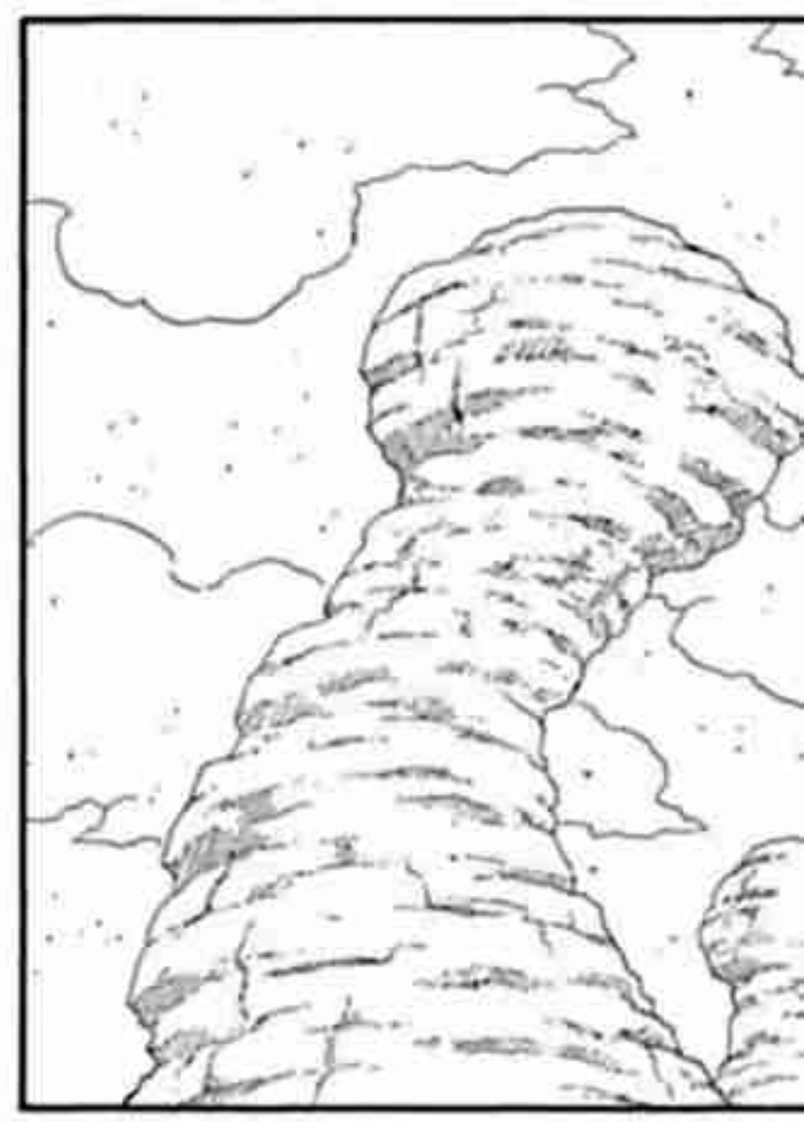
NOT ORDINARY?

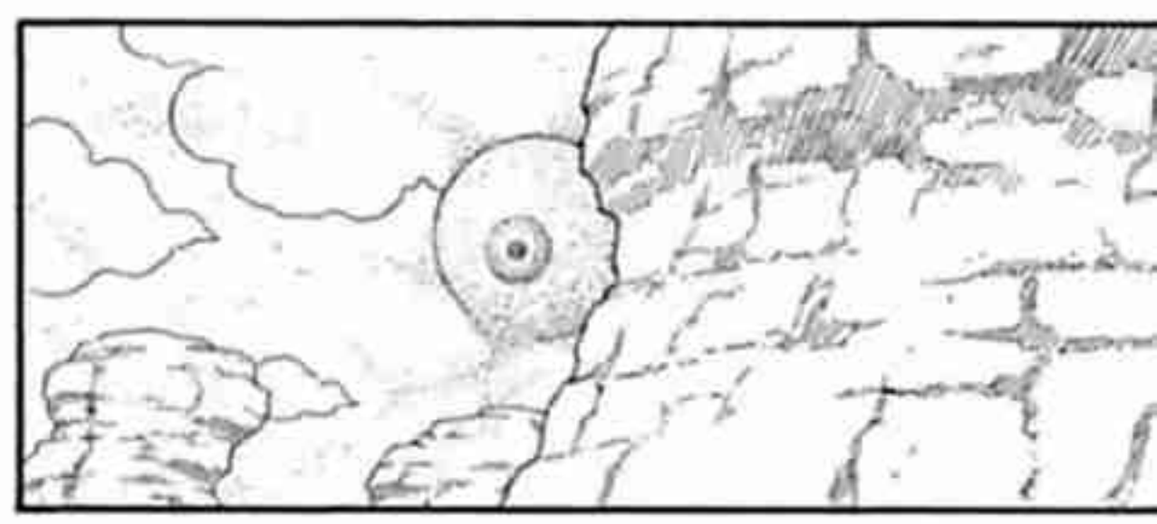
FSH

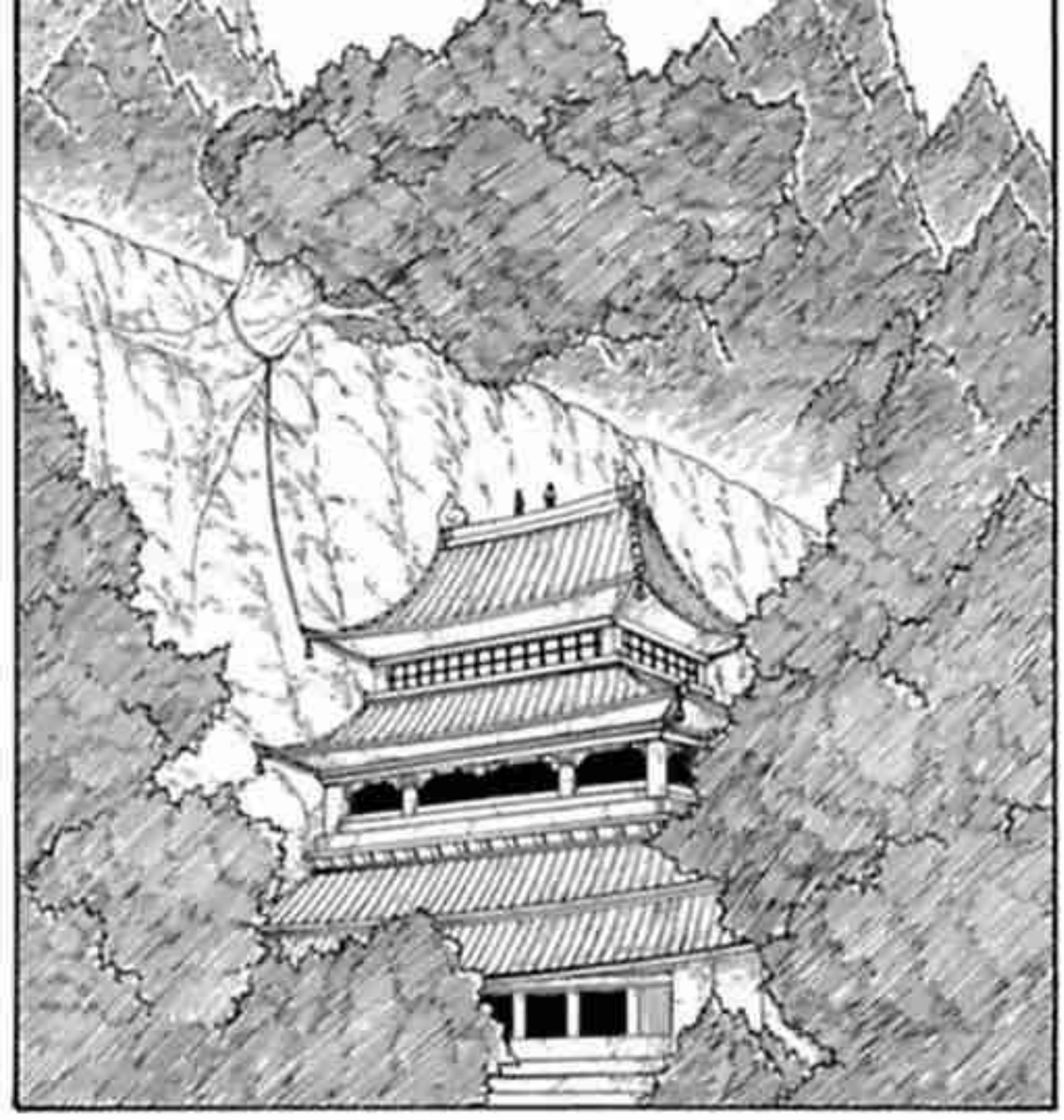
KEKKEI TOUTA!
BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE ONLY WIELDER, THIRD TSUCHIKAGE!
NOT THE SECOND, AS WELL!

THAT'S SIMULTANEOUS ACTIVATION OF THREE CHAKRA NATURES— WIND, EARTH, AND FIRE.

HE WAS MY MENTOR. HE TAUGHT ME PARTICLE STYLE.







ZWOO...

NOW, NOW. BE AT PEACE. WE SHOULD BESTOW ON THEM MERITORIOUS HONORS ONCE THE WAR IS OVER.
HOW LONG DO WE DAIMYO HAVE TO BE COOPED UP IN SUCH CRAMPED QUARTERS?
I AM NOT ENJOYING THIS.
HMM. WHAT SHALL WE CALL SUCH DECOR-ATIONS?

IS THIS THE PLACE?
ZWOOP

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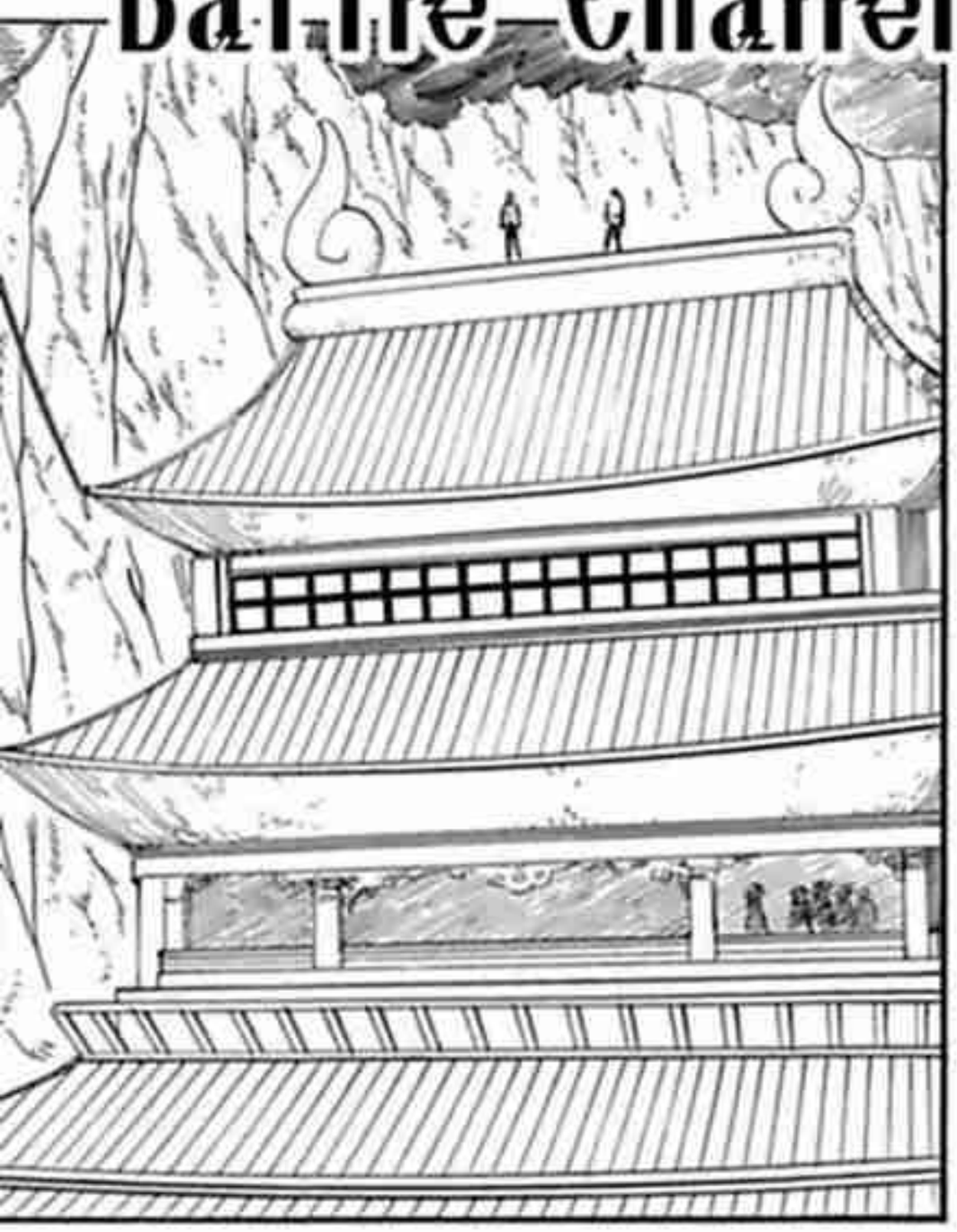
D-Unit's Battle Challenge!!

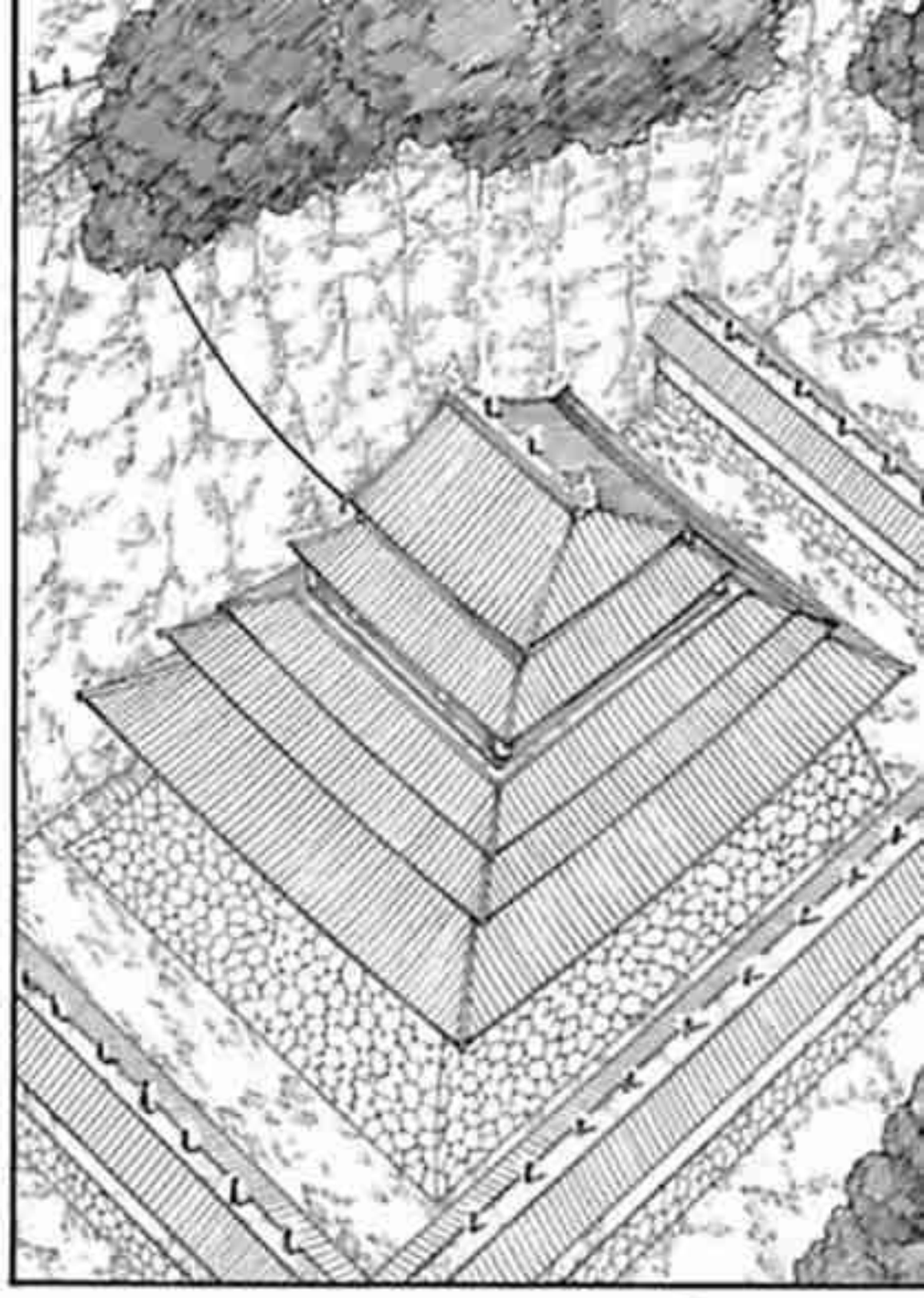


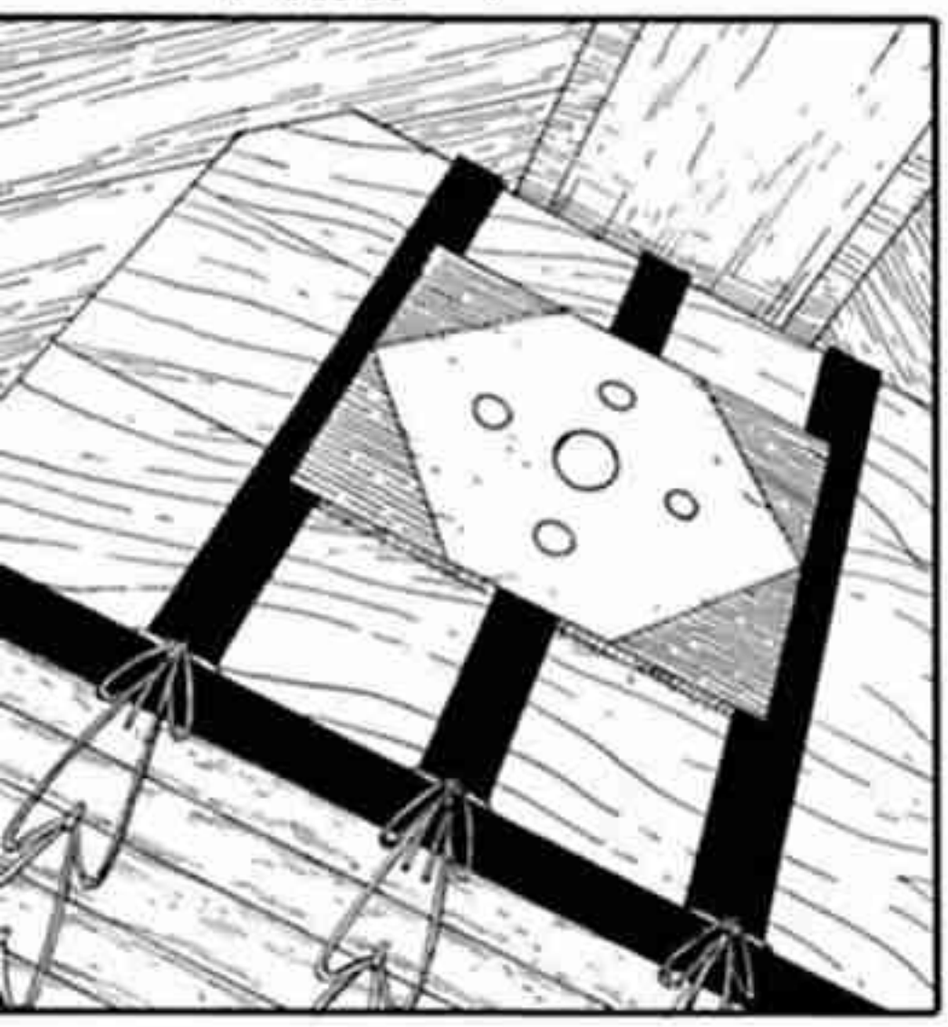
SHOOM
SHOOM
WHOOSH
KLANG
KLANG
SHP SHP SHP SHP
AN ENEMY?! I DON'T SENSE ANY-THING!
!
THK THK THK THK
SPRONG
SHOOM SHOOM

SWOOSH

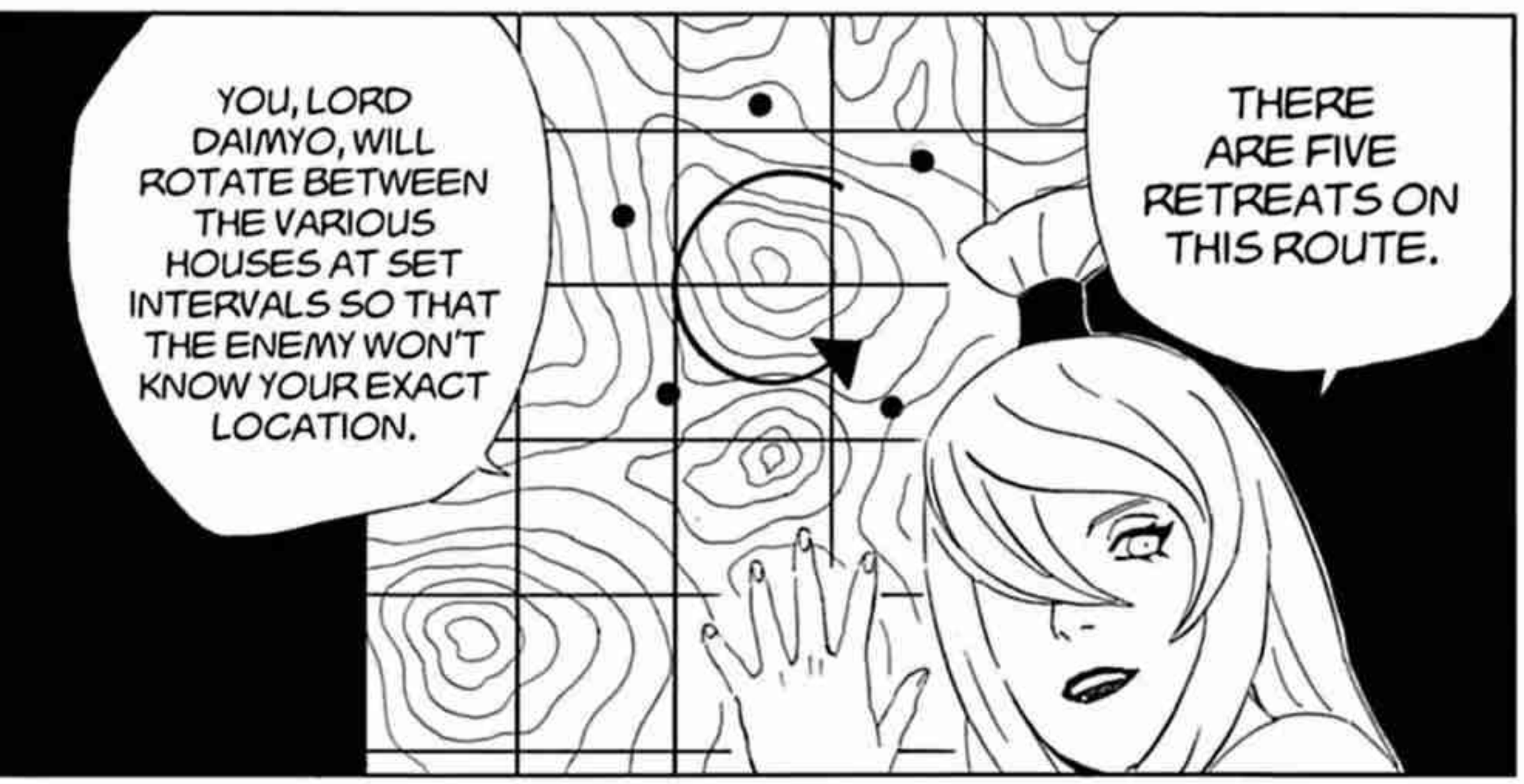
HOW ABOUT LAND OF FIRE'S KONOHAGAKURE, LAND OF WIND'S SUNAGAKURE, LAND OF EARTH'S IWAGAKURE, LAND OF WATER'S KIRIGAKURE, AND LAND OF LIGHTNING'S KUMOGAKURE ALLIED SHINOBI DECORATION.

AH, I'VE THOUGHT OF AN EXCELLENT ORDER NAME!





AND IF YOU LOSE FOCUS AND SPEND TIME WORRYING ABOUT NAMING AWARDS, YOU WON'T END UP WITH ONE!
WELL, WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT...
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN. WE'RE GOING ON THE MOVE SOON.


YOU, LORD DAIMYO, WILL ROTATE BETWEEN THE VARIOUS HOUSES AT SET INTERVALS SO THAT THE ENEMY WON'T KNOW YOUR EXACT LOCATION.
THERE ARE FIVE RETREATS ON THIS ROUTE.

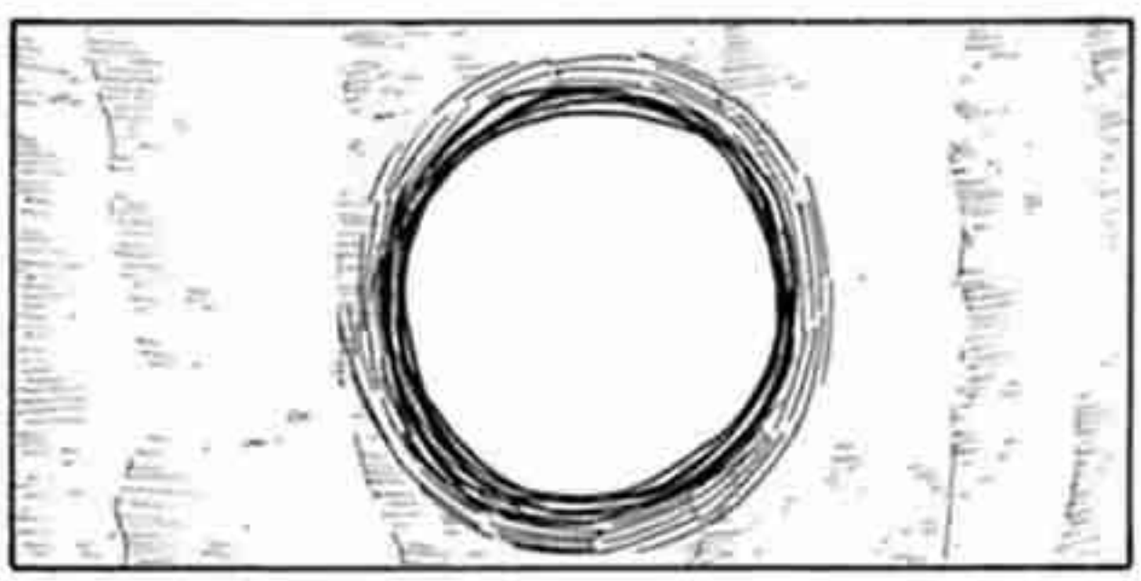
THAT DOES SET MY MIND AT EASE.

YOUR BODYGUARDS ARE ALL SEASONED WARRIORS.

ZWW

HUMPH! THEY UNDER-ESTIMATE ME!

ZWW



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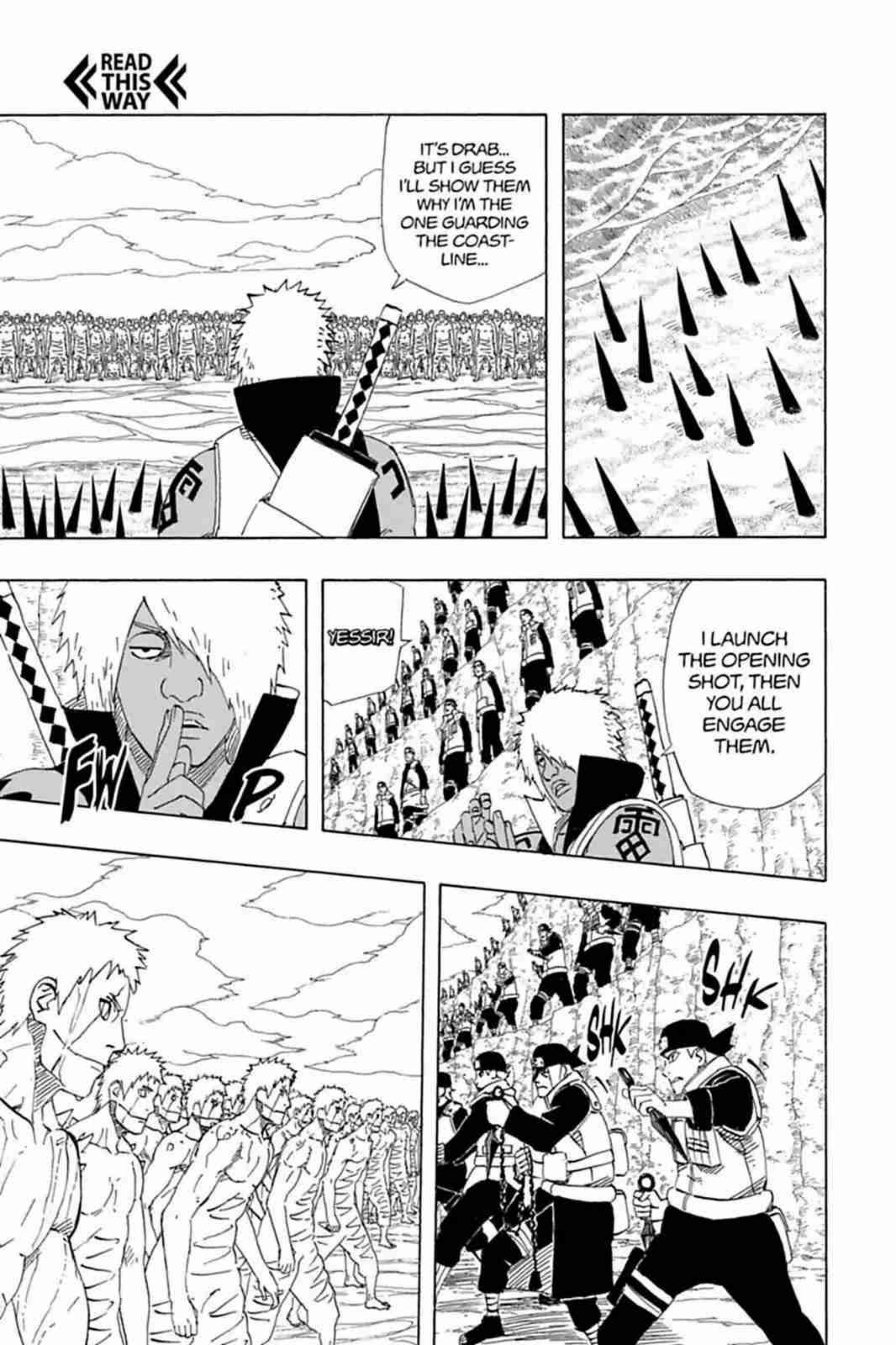
THIS LAND IS ME. I AM ONE WITH IT!!


READ THIS WAY
IT'S DRAB... BUT I GUESS I'LL SHOW THEM WHY I'M THE ONE GUARDING THE COAST-LINE...
FW
YESSIR!
I LAUNCH THE OPENING SHOT, THEN YOU ALL ENGAGE THEM.
SHK
SHK

LORD RAIKAGE ONLY EVER LET CAPTAIN DARUI GET A 雷 TATTOO!!
BLACK LIGHT-NING!
LIGHTNING STYLE! BLACK PANTHER!!
AAAAARGH!!!

ABOVE !!

THK THK THK THK THK THK

FFT FFT FFT

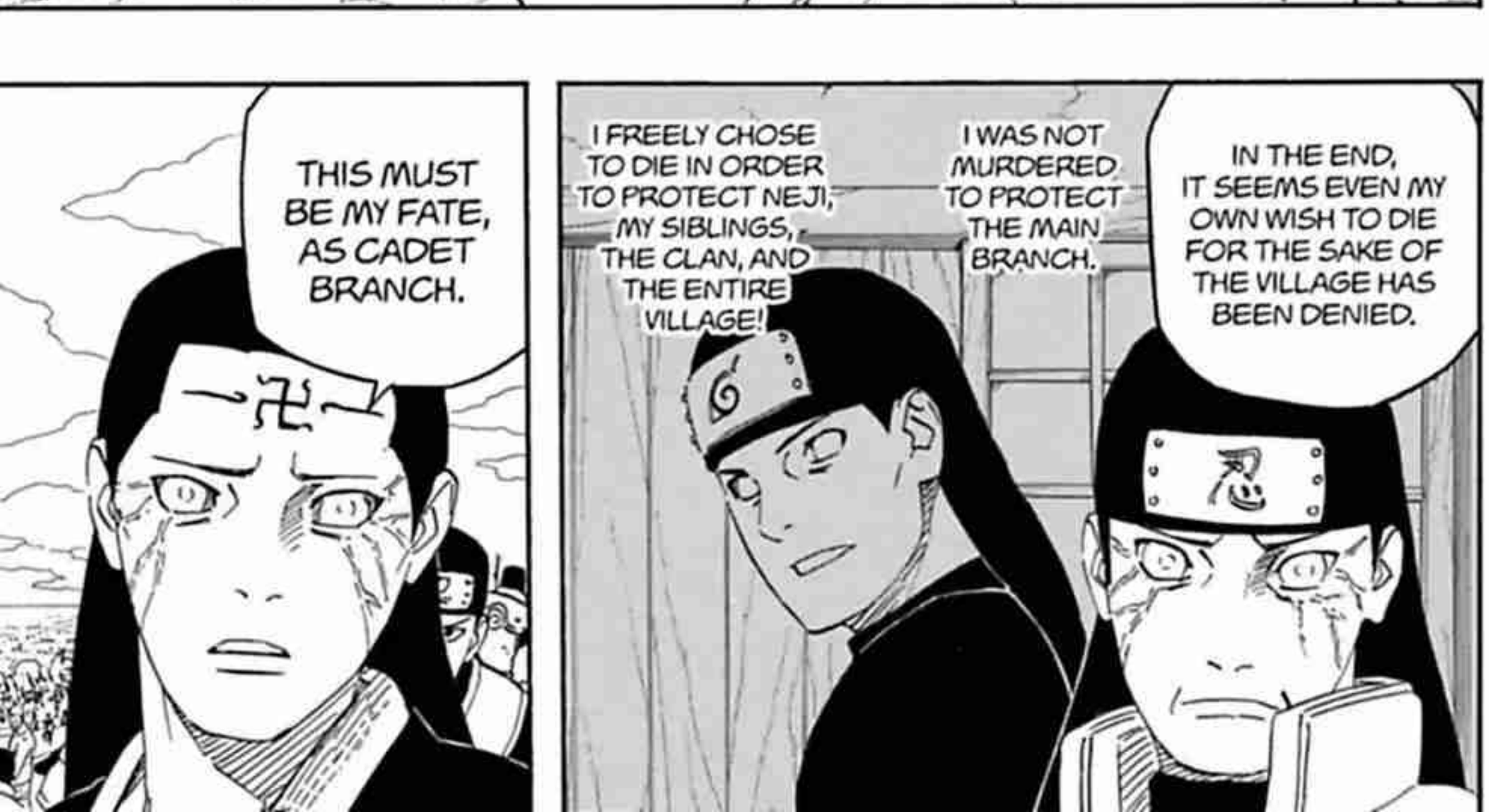
THD THD THD

GO—!!

YOU'VE GROWN, CHOZA.

CHOZA!
TMP
TMP

AND I'M GOING TO GROW EVEN BIGGER IN A LITTLE BIT.
THIS MUST BE MY PUNISHMENT FOR HAVING RESENTED THE MAIN BRANCH. MY BODY WON'T DO WHAT I WANT IT TO.
BROTHER, FORGIVE ME. AS A MEMBER OF THE CADET BRANCH, I'M SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THE MAIN BRANCH, YET HERE I STAND AS YOUR ENEMY...


THIS MUST BE MY FATE, AS CADET BRANCH.
I FREELY CHOSE TO DIE IN ORDER TO PROTECT NEJI, MY SIBLINGS, THE CLAN, AND THE ENTIRE VILLAGE!
I WAS NOT MURDERED TO PROTECT THE MAIN BRANCH.
IN THE END, IT SEEMS EVEN MY OWN WISH TO DIE FOR THE SAKE OF THE VILLAGE HAS BEEN DENIED.

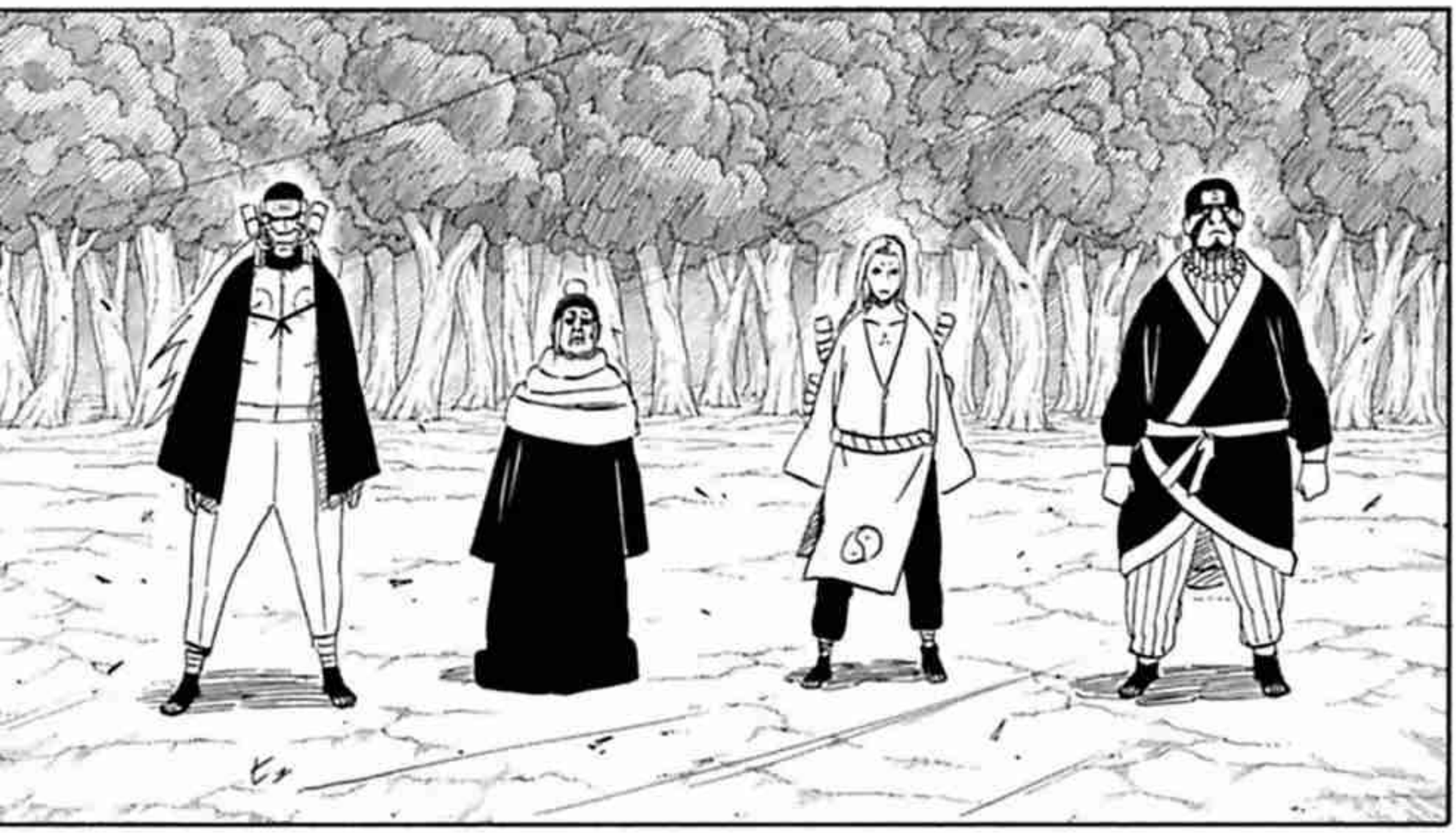
YOUR SON HAS BEEN FIGHTING HARD TO PROVE THAT, AS HAS MY DAUGHTER.

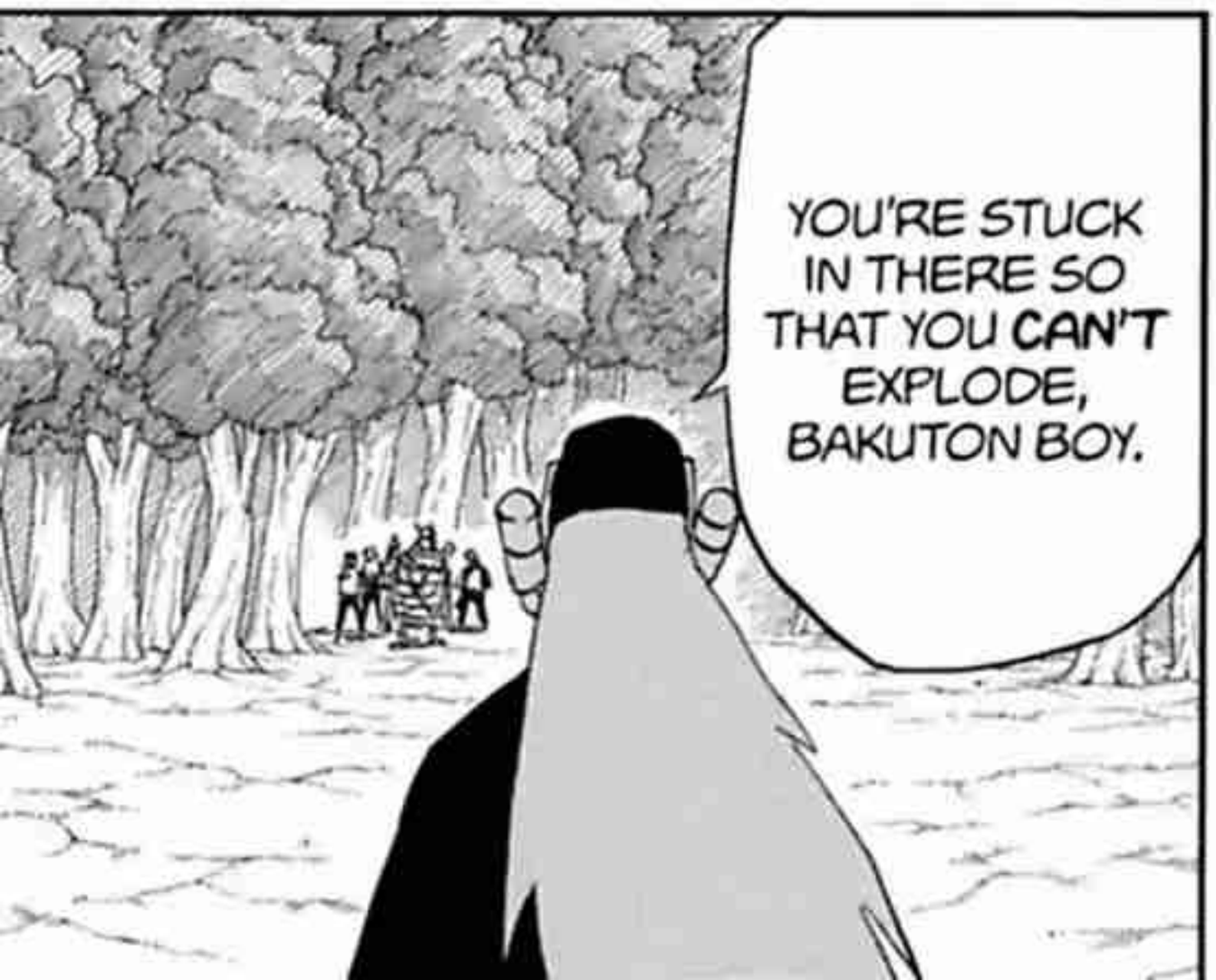
NO SUCH FATE EXISTS!

FSH

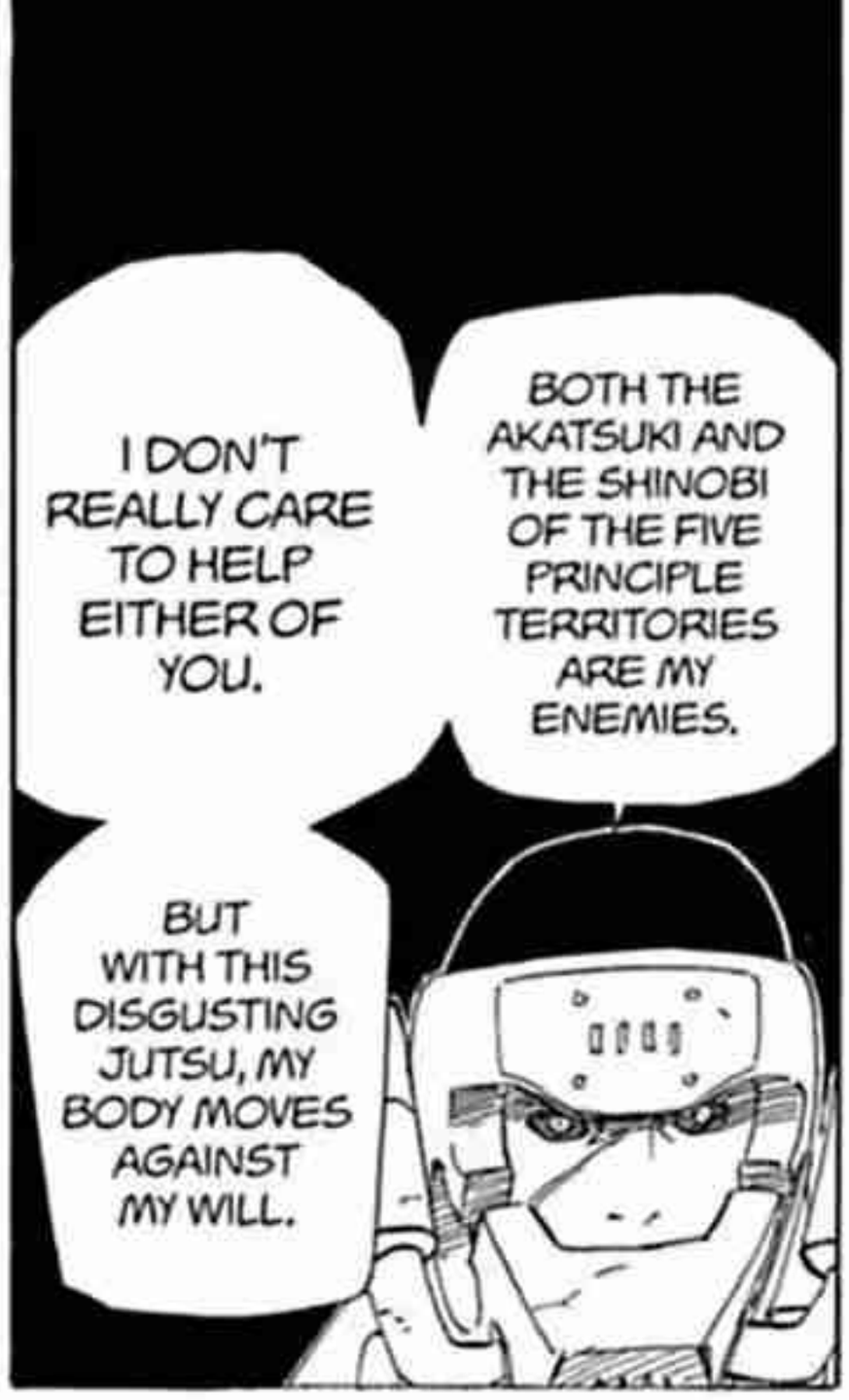
WELL DONE, KANKURO.
YOU'VE OUTDONE SASORI.

...AND...
GRANNY CHIYO!




YOU'RE STUCK IN THERE SO THAT YOU CAN'T EXPLODE, BAKUTON BOY.

IT'S STUFFY. CAN'T YOU SEE I'M ABOUT TO EXPLODE, HMMM?!
HEY! REINFORCEMENTS! GET ME OUT OF HERE!


I DON'T REALLY CARE TO HELP EITHER OF YOU.
BOTH THE AKATSUKI AND THE SHINOBI OF THE FIVE PRINCIPLE TERRITORIES ARE MY ENEMIES.
BUT WITH THIS DISGUSTING JUTSU, MY BODY MOVES AGAINST MY WILL.

WAIT, THAT WASN'T THE POINT! HMMM?!!

MM?
OH, RIGHT...

ROGER.
WE RETREAT ON MY MARK, GOT IT?

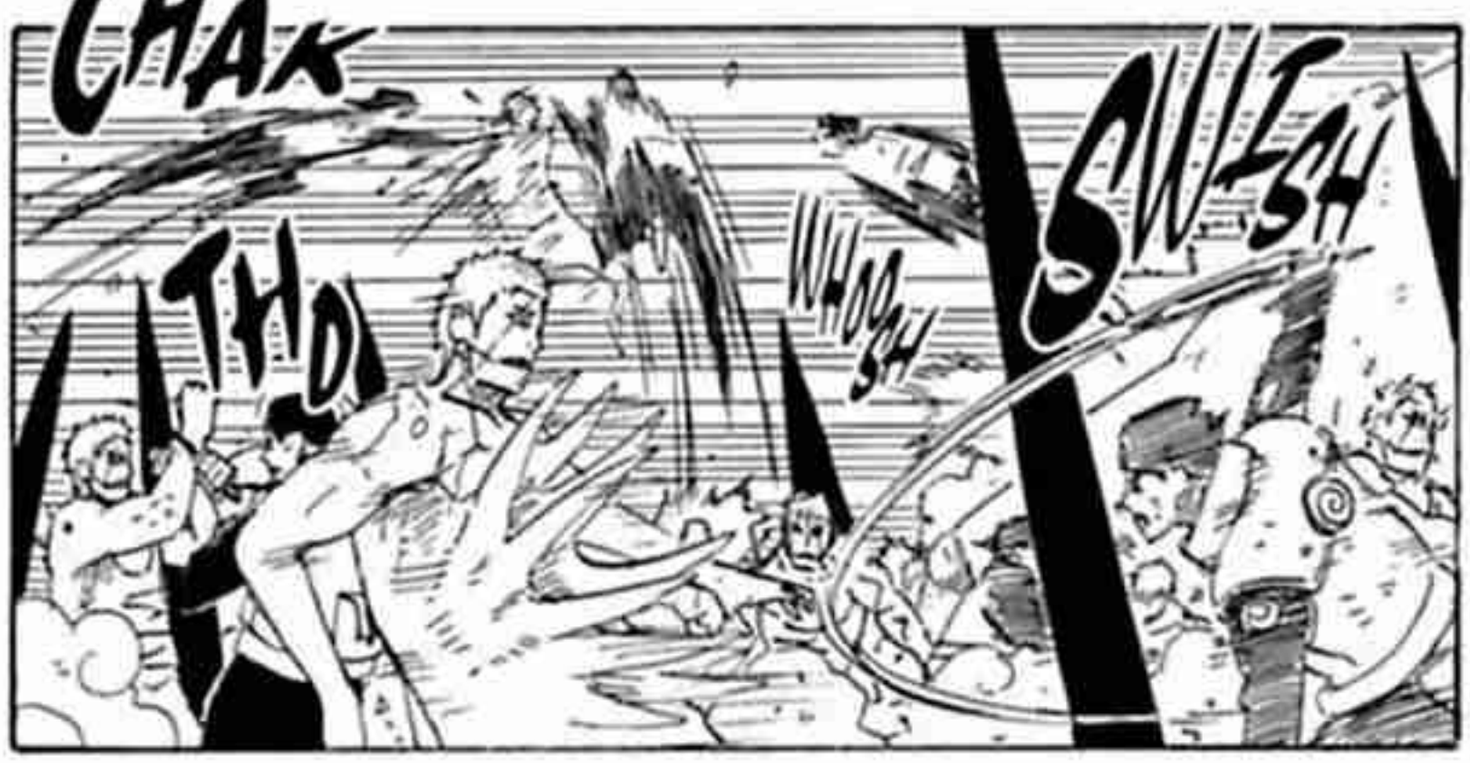
!!

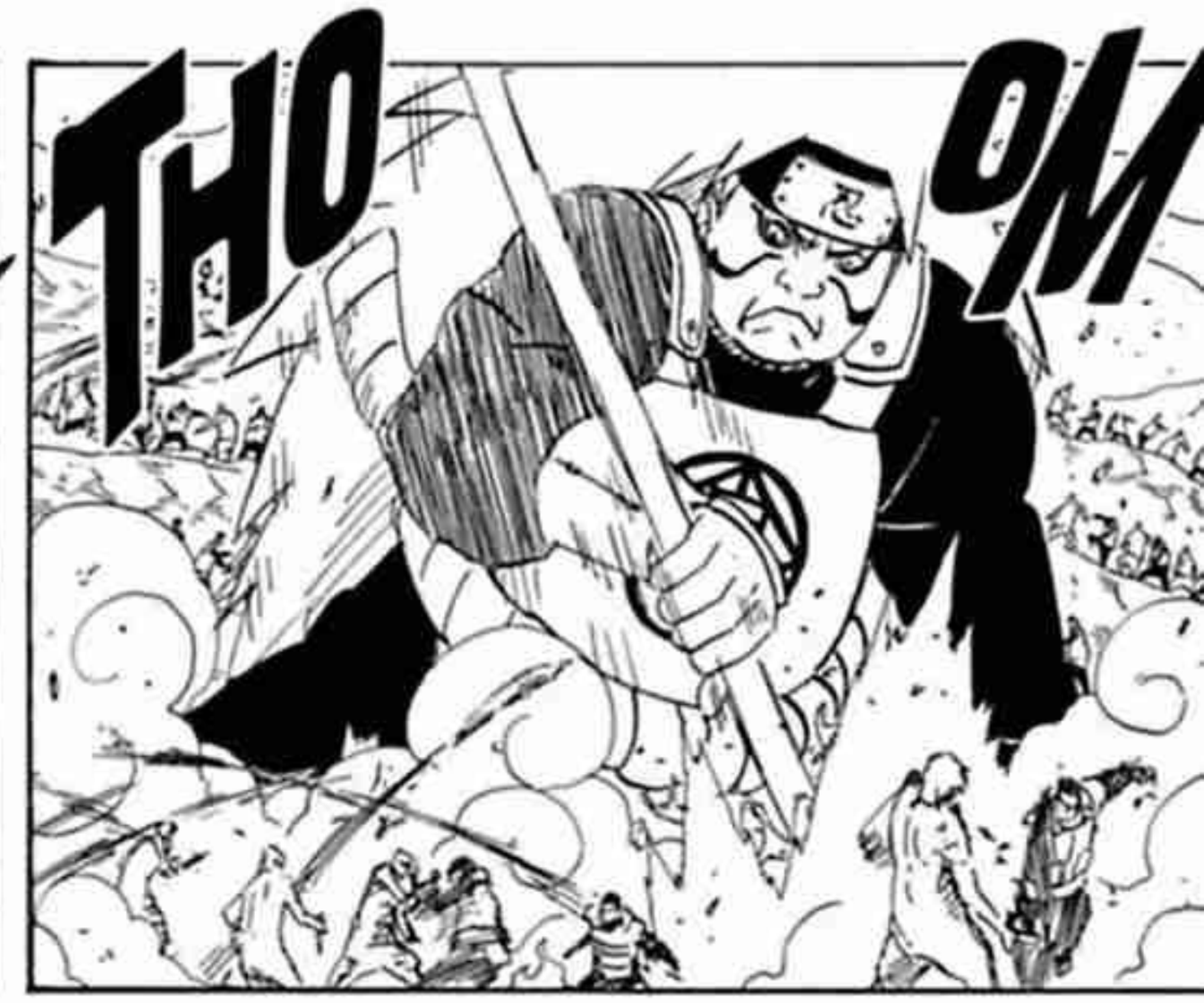
!

I'M GETTING WORD OF A NEW PLAN.

READ THIS WAY
RIGHT! GO ON!
!
CAPTAIN KITSUCHI, A MESSAGE FROM HQ! TACTICAL ORDERS!!
YOU DIDN'T NEED TO GET UP.
FSSSSH!
FSH
FSH
...
WHEN DID YOU ALL FORSAKE YOUR-SELVES?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO LIT THE FIRE BENEATH ME TO MAKE ME JUMP, YOU KNOW.

I'M GOING TO RETRIEVE HERE WHAT I PREVIOUSLY FORSOOK!!





GINKAKU, LOOK! THIS KID BEARS THE THIRD'S LIGHTNING MARK! HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GIVE US A GOOD FIGHT.

I'M SORRY TO CAUSE YOU SHAME, LORDS KINKAKU AND GINKAKU. IT'S HARD FOR ME AS WELL TO DISHONOR THOSE WHO'VE BEEN SUNG AS "TWO RAYS OF LIGHT AMONG THE CLOUDS."

PITIFUL! SNARED BY THE SECOND HOKAGE, WHEN WE BEAT HIM BEFORE, EH, KINKAKU?

I MIGHT EVEN END UP STRIPPING YOU OF YOUR GOLD AND SILVER...
RRRRR RRRR
I'M SORRY FOR THE DISRESPECT, GREAT SENPAI, BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO SHAME YOU BOTH A BIT MORE.

YOU'LL BE SO DRAB!
...WITH MY STORM STYLE!

TOO MUCH TIME HAS PASSED.

OUR COMRADES HAVE NEVER HEARD OF US.

I'LL SHUT YOU UP!

I DON'T LIKE YOUR TONE TOWARD GREAT SENPAI.

Number 527: Forbidden Words

BLOP
BLOP
LET'S DO THIS, GINKAKU.
SURE THING, KINKAKU!

CLOUD STYLE! FLAME SLICE!!
AAARGH !!
SH

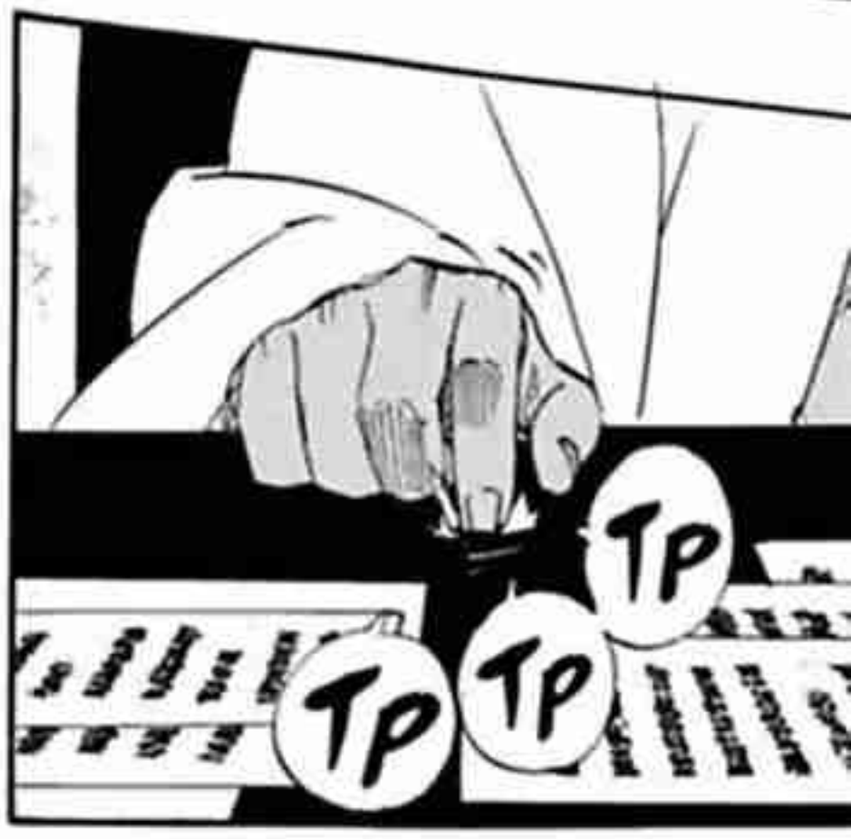
SHOW
FSH
I GOT THIS!!

HOWEVER FLASHY THEY MAY BE, THEY ARE STILL SIMPLY TOOLS!
FSS
TAK
TAK
SSSH
THEY DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST OUR BLAZING HOT NINJUTSU!!

THEY TALK IN EXCESS AMONGST THEM-SELVES. GOOD.
TAK
BAH! HE'S TOO HOT-HEADED!
STAY COOL AND LET ME FINISH!!
ATSUI, HOLD UP!

TAK TAK

I'LL TAKE ON THE ONE ALL THE WAY IN THE BACK!



APPARENTLY KUMOGAKURE TRIED TO CAPTURE NINE TAILS.

NINE TAILS THEN DEVOURED THE GOLD & SILVER BROTHERS.

THEY DROVE THE SECOND HOKAGE TO THE BRINK OF DEATH.

THEY WIELDED THE FIVE TREASURED TOOLS OF THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS.

BUT I'D NEVER HEARD THAT THEY POSSESSED NINE TAILS' CHAKRA.

THAT'S QUITE A FAR-FETCHED TALE.

NO ORDINARY HUMAN CAN WIELD THOSE TREASURED TOOLS.

THEY DRAIN SUCH A MASSIVE VOLUME OF CHAKRA THAT MOST WHO TRY DIE.

SINCE THEN, THEY'VE BOTH BORNE NINE TAILS' CHAKRA.

BUT THEY WERE SO UNRULY THAT NINE TAILS FINALLY COULDN'T STAND IT ANYMORE AND VOMITED THEM BOTH BACK UP.

THEY WERE INSIDE NINE TAILS FOR MORE THAN TWO WEEKS.

BUT THEY ARE NOW MORE LIKE MONSTERS, INFUSED WITH THE CHAKRA OF THE NINE-TAILED BEAST!

UGH!

HAK

WOO

UGH!!

SCREECH

OH NO!!

SH

HUMPH!

UNH!

WHOO SH

SLOO SH

HEY BRAT, DON'T LOOK AWAY!

ATSUI! MISS SAMUI! ARE YOU BOTH ALL RIGHT?!

NOW, KOKINJO!!

AND NOW I'M UP AGAINST OLD MAN GINKAKU, EH!

A SCORCHING HOT PUNCH!

KNP

ON IT, GINKAKU !!

THD

THK

SPLCH

SPLCH

TIME TO SWITCH, HINOKUMI!

?!
POOF
AARGH~~!
BLOP
ZWOO
BLOP
ZWOO
KOKINJO HERE ON MY LEFT ARM SQUEEZES OUT THE SPIRIT WORD OF WHOMEVER IT TOUCHES!
WHAT?!
SLASH
SLASH
TAK
CURSE THEM, SHICHI-SEIKEN!!

あつい
クール
FSH
FSH
(TOP: HOT BOTTOM: COOL)
WOOP
FSSSSS
UGH!!
WOOP
FOOO
SH
RECORD THEM, BENI-HISAGO!
WOOP
HUH?! WE'RE NOT DONE WITH YOU!
WE'RE FINISHED.
WELL THEN. I'M DONE, KINKAKU.

READ THIS WAY
GONK
THWAK
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
OUR SPIRIT WORDS HAVE BEEN TAKEN HOSTAGE.
ATSUI AND I HAVE A CURSED JUTSU AND SEALING JUTSU CAST AGAINST US.
H...
I TOLD YOU TO LET ME FINISH!
KLOP
LISTEN, YOU CAN'T SPEAK CARELESSLY FROM THIS POINT ON.
?!
WAP
あつい
NEXT TIME WE UTTER THE WORD OR PHRASE WE'VE SAID MOST OFTEN SINCE WE WERE BORN...
VOO
SH
WAP
SEEMS LIKE AS TIME PASSED, ALL SORTS OF SECRETS HAVE BEEN REVEALED.
MY, AREN'T WE KNOWL-EDGEABLE.
WAP
...WE'LL BE TRAPPED INSIDE THAT GOURD.

G-G-G-
FSH
TWO TWO
あつい
WE CAN'T USE OUR MOST UTTERED WORDS?!
OF COURSE IT'S A WORD GAME. I HATE WORD GAMES. SO DRAB.

FWAK

BASHOSEN! SCROLL OF FIRE!!
FSH

FLAP

!!

!!

YOU SHOULDN'T NEED TO THINK SO HARD. IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS.
WHAT?! WHAT'S THE HOTTEST WORD THAT I SAY MOST OFTEN?! WHAT COULD IT BE~~?!!

FSSS

UNGH!

!!

SH

WOOSH..

WAAAAAAH

WOOP

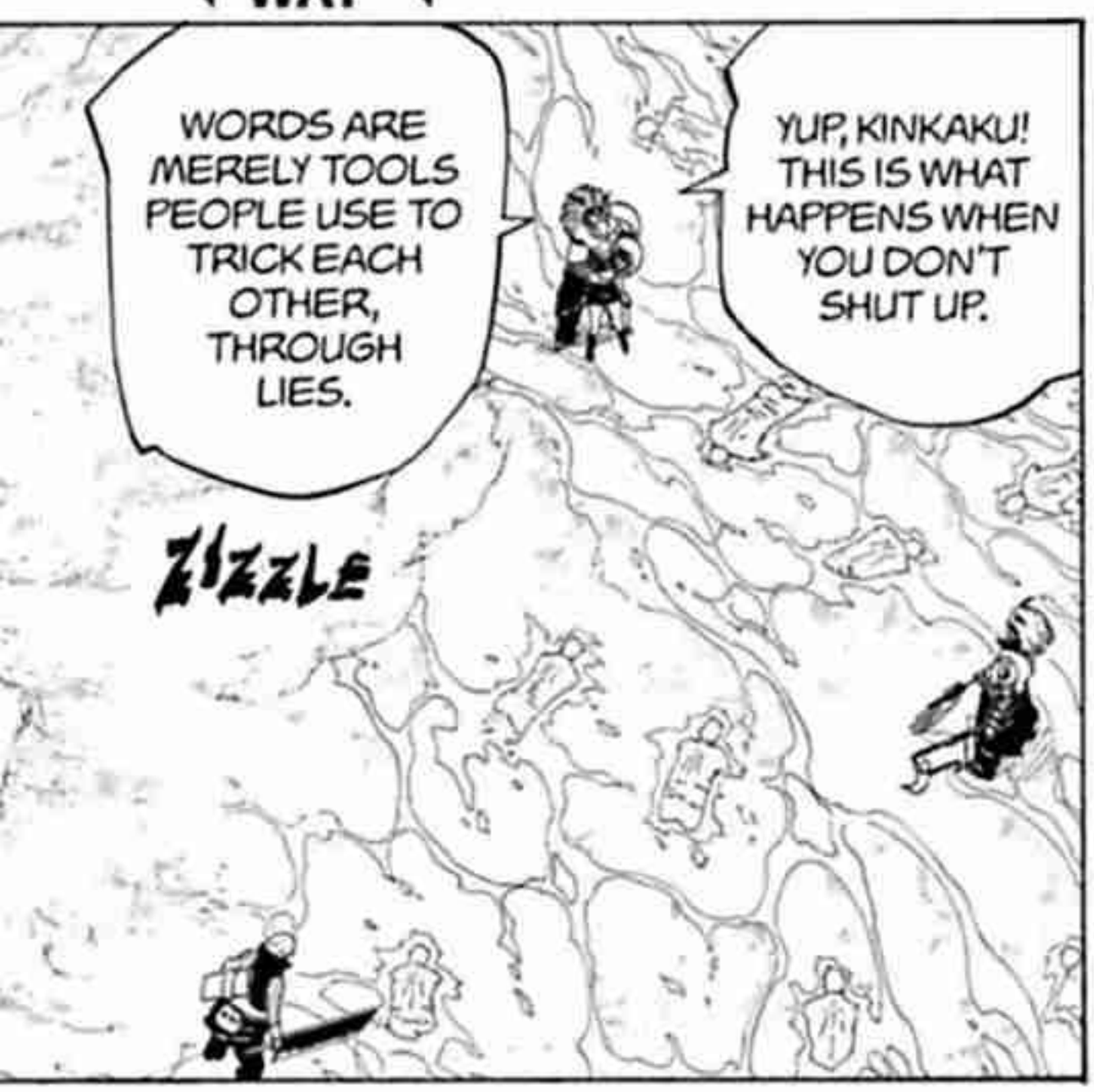
CHAK

?!

ATSUI!!

AHHHH!

UUUFFFKKK


WORDS ARE MERELY TOOLS PEOPLE USE TO TRICK EACH OTHER, THROUGH LIES.
YUP, KINKAKU! THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DON'T SHUT UP.
ZIZZLE

THE TONGUE IS THE SOURCE OF MISFORTUNE. RIGHT, GINKAKU?
THERE'S AN OLD SAYING— SILENCE IS GOLDEN.

BEE WHO? I KNOW NO SUCH PERSON!
IF YOU MOVE, I'LL KILL HER. AND THAT'S NOT A LIE!

WAIT TILL YOU ENCOUNTER BEE. YOU'LL RETHINK WHAT WORDS ARE FOR THEN!

VOOSH

I'M SORRY, MISS SAMUI.

FWIP

FSH

SLAM
STORM STYLE! LASER CIRCUS!!
YOU BOTH PROVE YOURSELVES KUMOGAKURE SHINOBI.
FWp
FWp

SO FAST. PRECISION NINJUTSU ?!

!!

FWOOSH

THD-THD-THD

GOOD JOB HITTING HIM WITH THE KOKINJO, KINKAKU!

OWW!

CHIZZ

UGH!!

WHAM

THIS ONE FIRST, THOUGH.

UNH.

GAK...

WOOP

?!

?!
WOOSH

FWOOSH

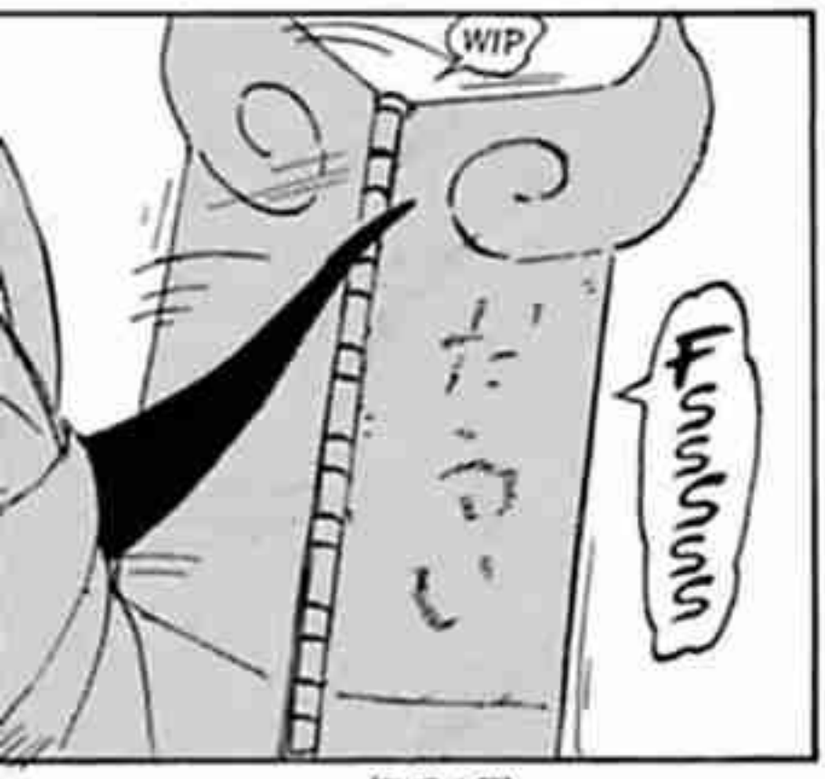
WHAT'S GOING ON? MISS SAMUI DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING. WHY IS SHE TRAPPED?!

CURSE IT, SHICHI-SEIKEN!!
!!
HIS ARM'S REGENERATED ALREADY!!
FWOOSH
FOOSH

RECORD IT, BENI-HISAGO !!

BAM
WHAM

WOOP


WIP
FSSSSS

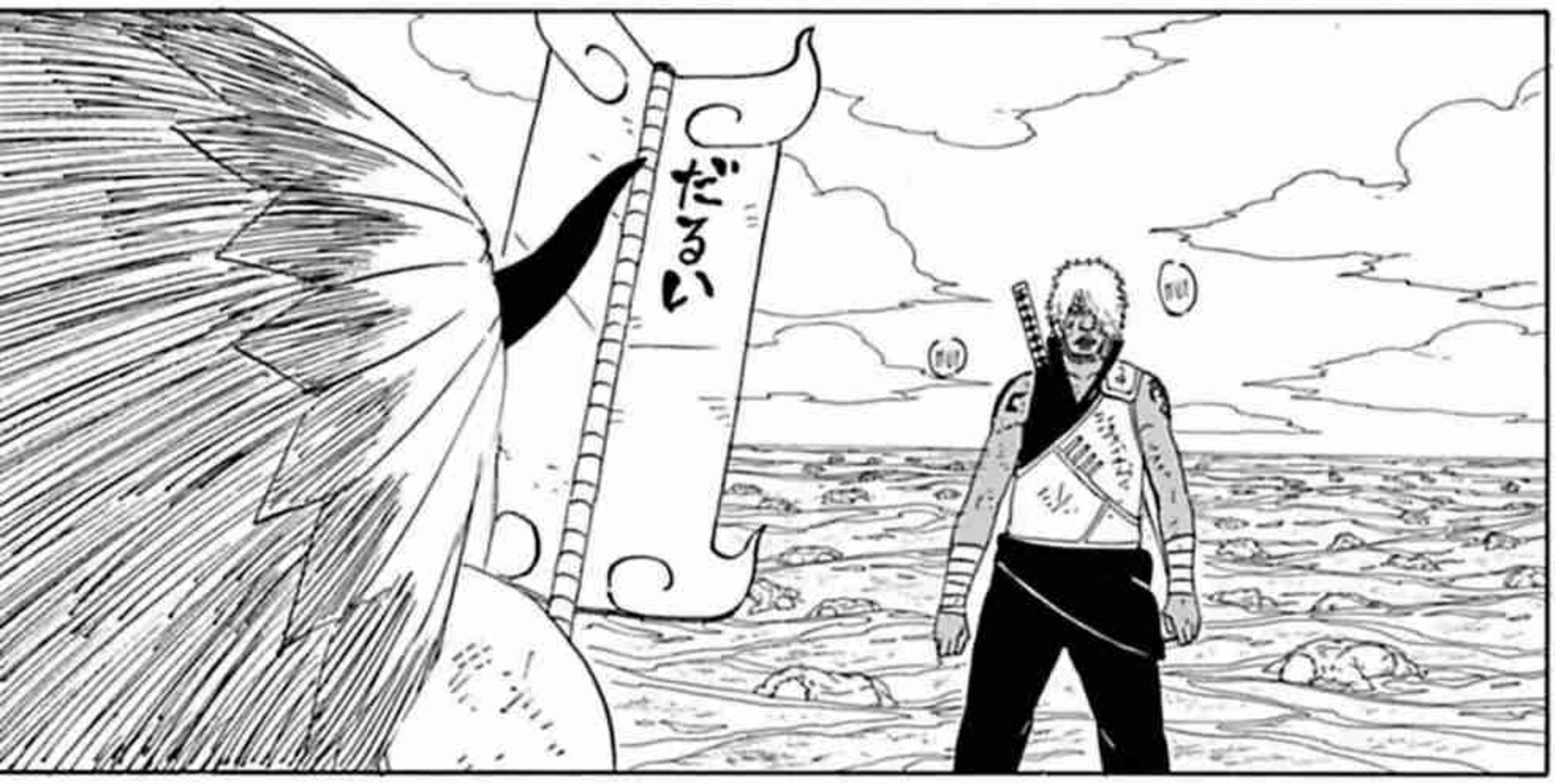
(DRAB)

SO DRAB.
YOU'LL BE SO DRAB...
I THINK I KNOW WHAT MY WORD IS.
HUF
HUF

だるい
HUF
HUF

NARUTO

Number 528: Transcendent Drab

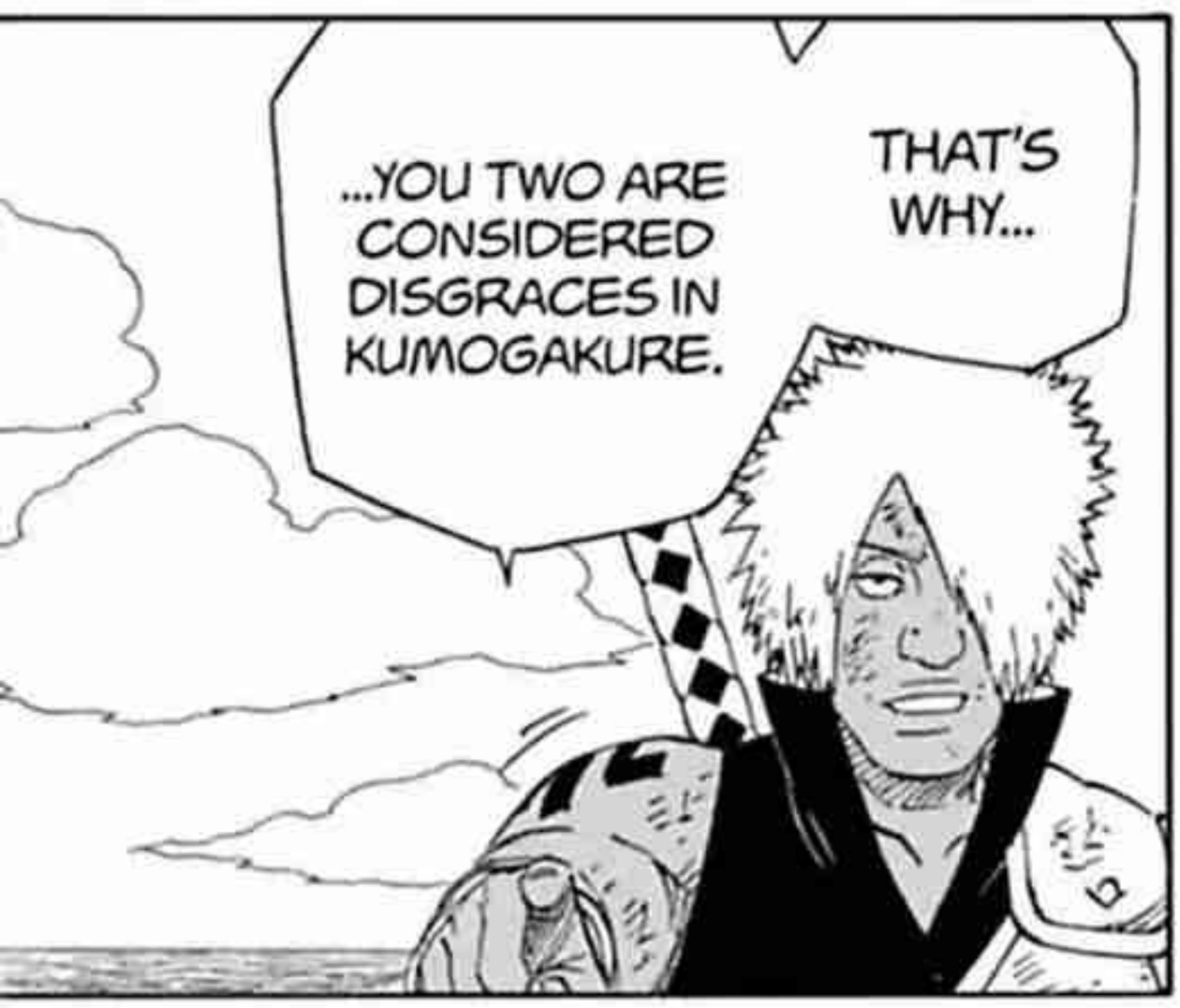


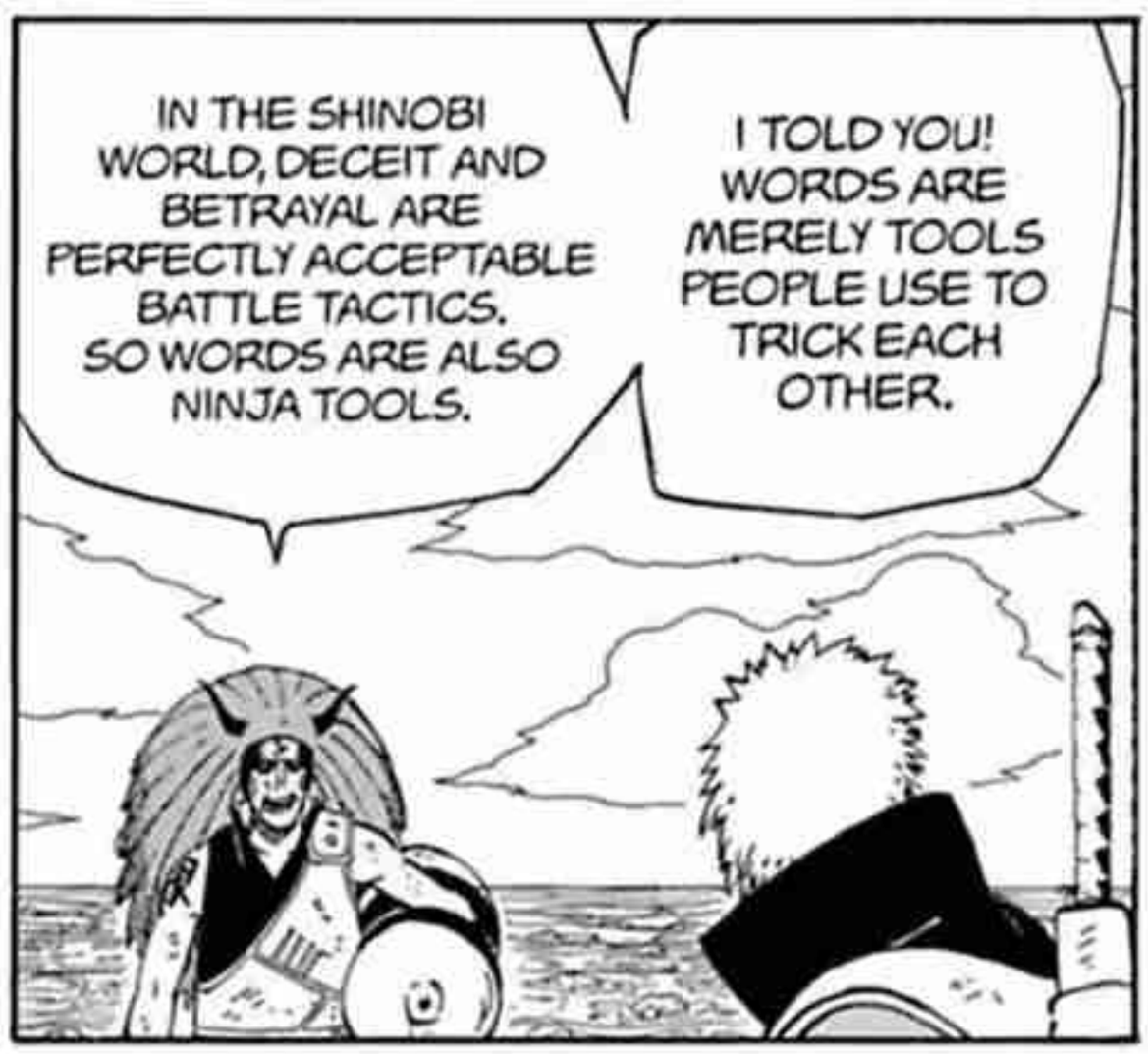
YOU CAN GET TRAPPED IF YOU'RE SILENT FOR TOO LONG TOO!

HUNH.

I THINK YOU'RE THE FIRST TO EVER NOTICE. YOU'RE A SMART ONE, THEN.

Number 528: Transcendent Drab


...YOU TWO ARE CONSIDERED DISGRACES IN KUMOGAKURE.
THAT'S WHY...


IN THE SHINOBI WORLD, DECEIT AND BETRAYAL ARE PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE BATTLE TACTICS. SO WORDS ARE ALSO NINJA TOOLS.
I TOLD YOU! WORDS ARE MERELY TOOLS PEOPLE USE TO TRICK EACH OTHER.

...BUT...
DO NOT BLAME YOURSELF.
I'M SORRY, SIR. YOU CHOSE ME AS YOUR BODYGUARD, YET I FAILED TO PROTECT YOUR LEFT ARM.

YEAH, YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE RABBIT, A PAWN OF THE RAIKAGE, WE ARE GOLD AND SILVER, YOU ARE BRONZE, A CHEAP IMITATION! SO SHUT YOUR TIMID LITTLE BRONZE MOUTH!
WHADJA JUST SAY, YOU PUNY LITTLE BUNNY!
SERIOUSLY, THIS CURRENT GENERATION OF SHINOBI, ALL BRONZE AND NO GOLD OR SILVER, I SWEAR...

TOK

YEAH. THIS ONE...
TWO RIGHT ARMS?
FSH
I CAN MANAGE WITHOUT A LEFT ARM.
FOR I'VE GOT MYSELF TWO RIGHT ARMS.

...

...

WELL, ALL RIGHT. THE MORE THE MERRIER, EH.
WHY NOT INCLUDE CEE, TOO, AND GIVE YOURSELF A THIRD?

...AND YOU.

NOT SOME TIMID RABBIT!
I'M BOSS'S COURA-GEOUS RIGHT-HAND MAN.

READ THIS WAY
DNK
?!!
HEY, GINKAKU.
WHAT, KINKAKU ?!
FUUS
GET BENIHISAGO READY.
FSS
SWING
WHY?! I DIDN'T SAY DRAB.
NO!!
DRAB.
NOT SOME TIMID RABBIT!
!!

FUBO

OOOSH!

BEING YOUR RIGHT-HAND MAN MADE ME SO PROUD.

SORRY, BOSS.

AS MY RIGHT-HAND MAN.

I WANT TO YOU TO BE AN ALLIED FORCES COMPANY CAPTAIN.

THO

G-G-G-

THK THK

THK THK THK

WHIH
I'M SO SORRY, MISS SAMUI, ATSUI.
SORRY, EVERYONE.
KA BOOM
WE SHOULD PROBABLY JOIN THE FIGHT, GINKAKU.
TH OM
!
SPLASH
YOU'RE CORRECT, KINKAKU!

WHAT ?!
?!!
?!
I TOUCHED THE KOKINJO!
HOW ?!
TH
D

SLOSH SLOSH

SPLA SH

(SORRY) (DRAB)

WHAM

WHAM

I'M SO SORRY ABOUT THE DESK AND THE WALL...

SORRY. MISS SAMUI.

I'M SORRY TO CAUSE YOU SHAME, LORDS KINKAKU AND GINKAKU.

I GUESS I'M...

READ THIS WAY
!!
...A PRETTY HUMBLE GUY. NOT A BAD THING AT ALL!
VOOSH
HIS MOST- AND HIS SECOND-MOST UTTERED WORDS SWITCHED THEIR ORDER WHILE HE WAS GETTING SUCKED IN?!
I KNOW THE WORD WAS DRAB!
SORRY, EVERY-ONE.
I'M SO SORRY, MISS SAMUI, ATSUI.
SORRY, BOSS.
VOOSH
!!
!!
HMPH!!

THD THD THD THD THD

SP LOOSH

SCREECH

SWOO SH

!!

CURSE IT, SHICHI-SEIKEN!

HOW DARE YOU...!

WOOP

I THINK I'M DOING THIS RIGHT...

RECORD IT, BENIHISAGO!

WAFT

WAFT

READ THIS WAY
UNH, I GOT NO STRENGTH LEFT!
DN K...
UGH.
THEY REALLY DO KNOCK THE CHAKRA OUT OF YOU.
?!!
...CAN RELAY THE TRUTH.
TP
WSH
MUF
MUF
WORDS MAY BE TOOLS THAT PEOPLE USE TO TRICK EACH OTHER.
MUF
BUT SOMETIMES WORDS...
THIS ONE AND YOU.
FOR I'VE GOT MYSELF TWO RIGHT ARMS.

KINKAKU!

HELP ME!

BO OM

ARGH !!

WAAAH !!

KAW

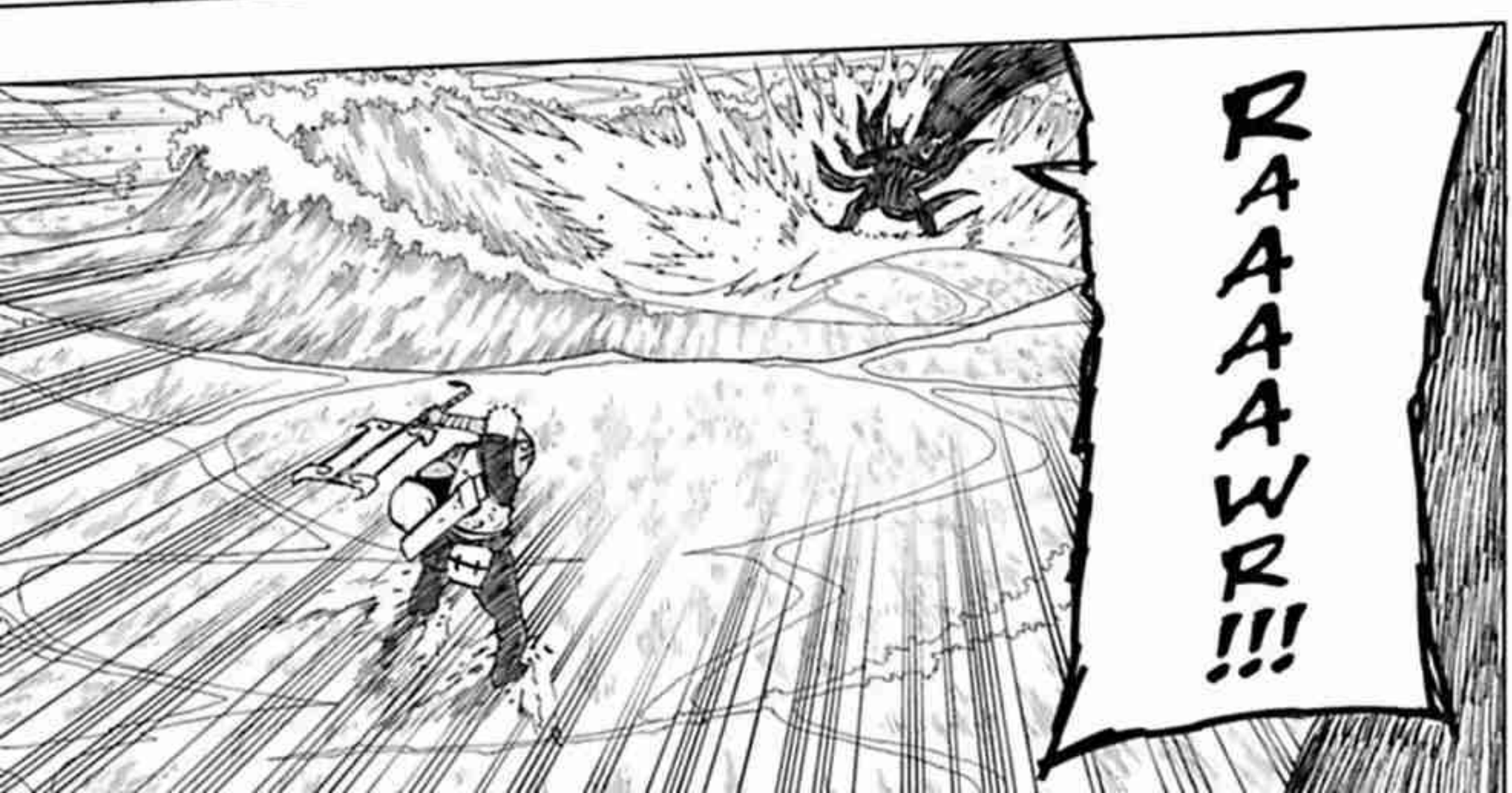
GRR ...!!
HOW DARE YOU TAKE GINKAKU!!
ZIZZLE...

!!

A NINE TAILS JINCHÛRIKI ?!

KINKAKU ONLY LOOKS LIKE THIS...
...WHEN GINKAKU IS DONE FOR!

G-G-
!
ZWOOSH


RAAAWR!!!

NARUTO

!
UKK
Number-529: Golden Bonds
WAAH !!
THAT TIME YOU WERE SO CLOSE! IT'S TOO BAD!
WHY'D YA LOSE FOCUS?! SO SAD!
WHAT WAS THAT?
...

THIS IS BAD.

RAAAAWR!!!

A-HA HA. SORRY.

GRRRR

?!

THK THK THK THK

TAK

OH WELL!!

TOO LATE!!

FIIII

HUMPH!!

THAT'S WHEN NINE TAILS DEVOURED THE LORDS KINKAKU AND GINKAKU.

AFTER THEY ESCAPED THE BIJU, THEY WERE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THOSE NEW FORMS!

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU KNEW!!

NOW THAT WE'RE ALLIES!

KUMOGAKURE TRIED TO CAPTURE THAT CATACLYSMIC FORCE!

LONG BEFORE UCHIHA MADARA TAMED NINE TAILS.

WHAT? HE'S A JINCHÛRIKI?!

BLIP

BLIP

SHOW SOME RESPECT. AND CONTACT HQ IMMEDIATELY!

ESCAPED?! THE FOX POOPED THEM OUT?!

WE NEED TO KNOW HOW TO COUNTER THAT!

A NINE TAILS CLOAK?!

HURRY! IF KINKAKU HAS TRANSFORMED, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP HIM!

EVEN WITH NINE TAILS CHAKRA, HOW CAN HE UNDERGO BIJU TRANSFORMATION WITHOUT BEING A JINCHÛRIKI?!

WHAT IS THE BATTLE SITUATION OF DARUI'S FIRST COMPANY ?!

WHERE ARE THE REIN-FORCE-MENTS?!

BUT KINKAKU HAS DONNED A CLOAK OF NINE TAILS AND IS RUNNING AMOK!

GINKAKU APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED!

...

THERE ARE NO OTHER HUMANS KNOWN TO HAVE EATEN NINE TAILS' CHAKRA MEAT.

HE AND GINKAKU SPENT TWO WEEKS INSIDE NINE TAILS.

THEY SUPPOSEDLY SURVIVED THEIR ORDEAL BY EATING THE BIJU'S STOMACH WALL.

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PERHAPS THEY ARE DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS.

THE BROTHERS ARE SPECIAL.

THEY ALL DIED WITHOUT BECOMING JINCHÛRIKI.

I HAVE HEARD THAT THERE WERE SOME IN KUMO-GAKURE WHO TRIED TO COPY THE FEAT BY EATING EIGHT TAILS' OCTOPUS LEGS.

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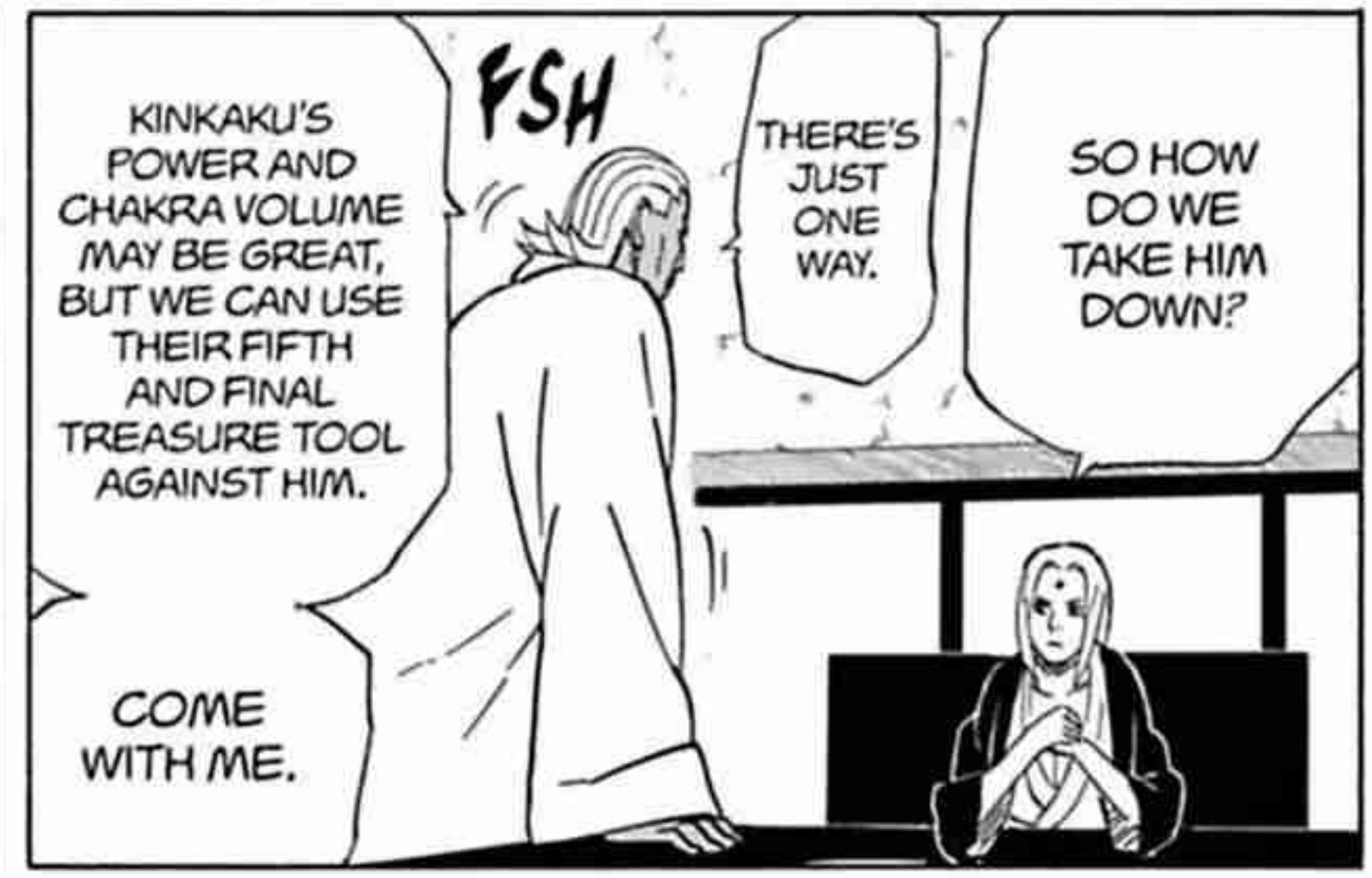

KINKAKU'S POWER AND CHAKRA VOLUME MAY BE GREAT, BUT WE CAN USE THEIR FIFTH AND FINAL TREASURE TOOL AGAINST HIM.
FSH
COME WITH ME.
THERE'S JUST ONE WAY.
SO HOW DO WE TAKE HIM DOWN?

BUT I CAN'T SEE THE ROPE ON HIS ARM WHILE HE'S IN THIS FORM.

IF I COULD JUST SEAL HIM AWAY INSIDE THIS GOURD...
UGH.
SCREECH

WHAM

IT'LL DEFINITELY BE BETTER THAN THIS GOURD.
I SEE.

!
TWO
CAPTAIN DARUI, A MESSAGE FROM HQ!
THEY'RE SENDING YOU THE AMBER PURIFICATION JAR!

YOU DON'T NEED THE OTHER TOOLS FOR THE JAR TO WORK. ALL YOU DO IS SAY THE TARGET'S NAME AND IF THEY RESPOND, THEIR VOICE IS RECORDED AND THEY'RE TRAPPED INSIDE IT!

DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ANYTHING SPECIAL.

THIS IS THE FIFTH TREASURE THAT WAS USED TO SEAL AWAY EIGHT TAILS.

THE AMBER PURIFICATION JAR.

I'M GOING TO SEND THIS TO DARUI SO HE CAN SEAL KINKAKU AWAY!

WE WERE ABLE TO TAKE JUST THIS ONE FROM THE GOLD & SILVER BROTHERS.

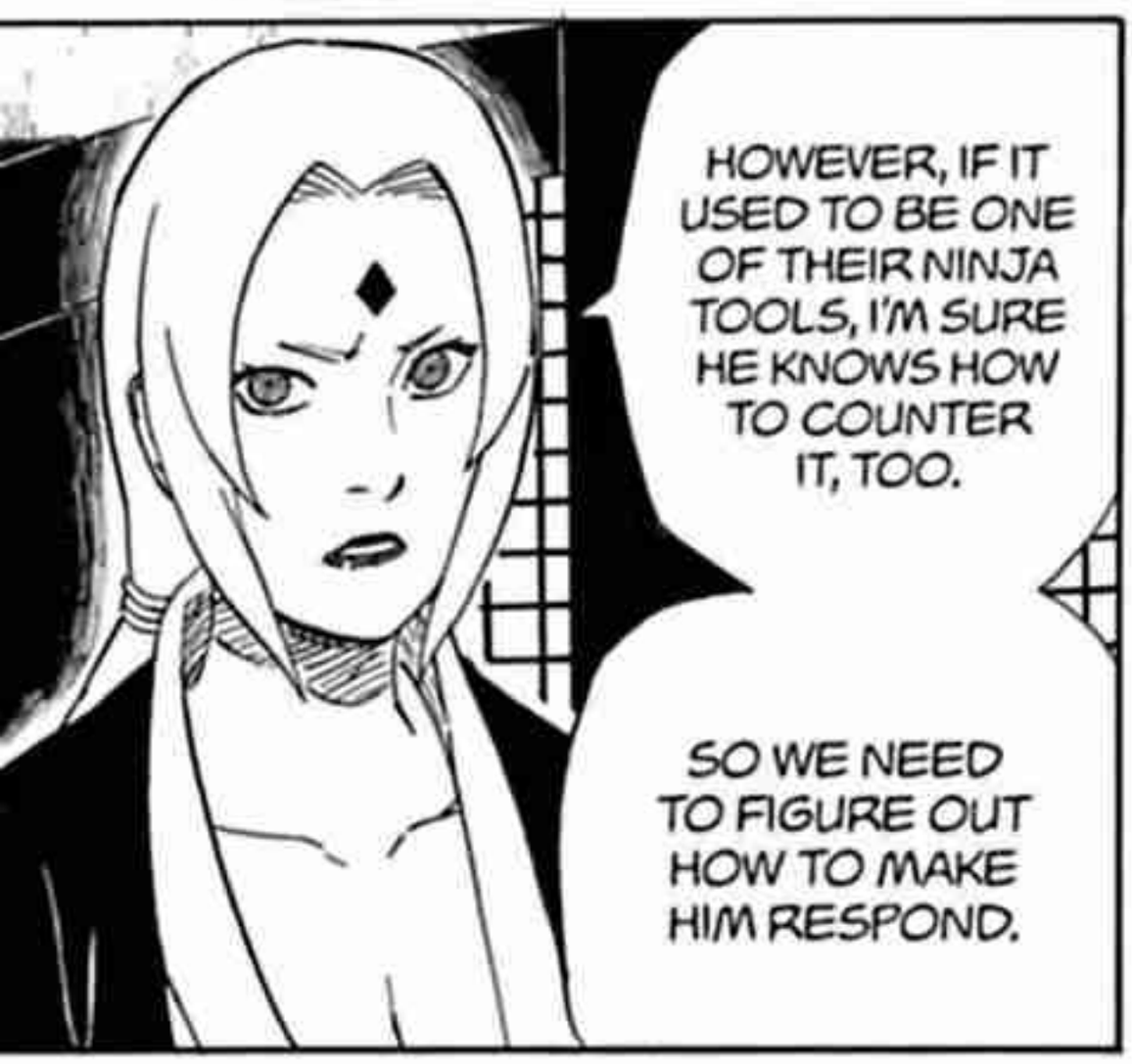
...

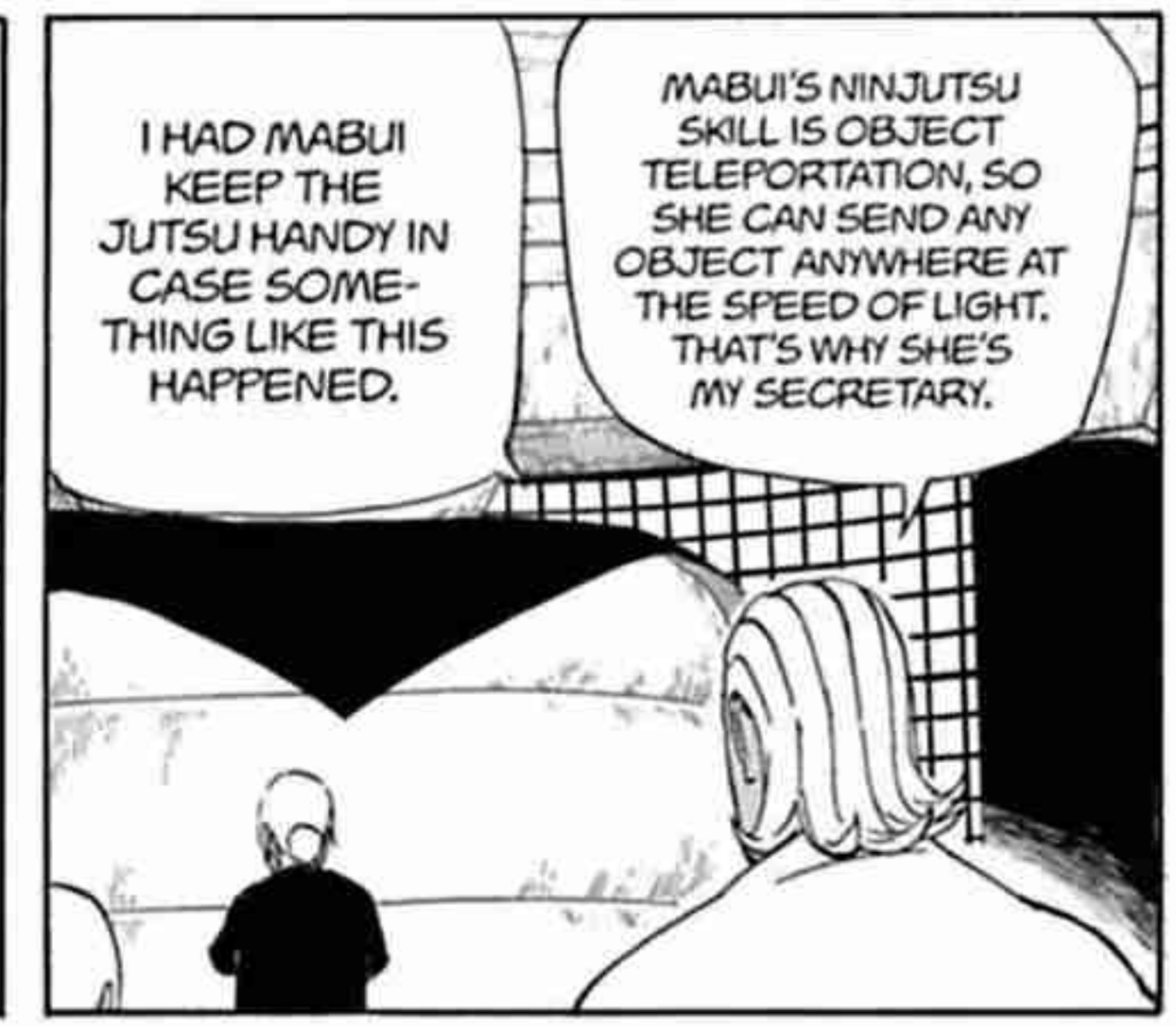
I CAN SEND IT TO DARUI ANYTIME YOU WISH!

LORD RAIKAGE, I'M READY!

IT WILL TAKE TOO LONG TO TRANSPORT THIS.

THE SITUATION ON THE FRONT IS URGENT.


HOWEVER, IF IT USED TO BE ONE OF THEIR NINJA TOOLS, I'M SURE HE KNOWS HOW TO COUNTER IT, TOO.
SO WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE HIM RESPOND.


I HAD MABUI KEEP THE JUTSU HANDY IN CASE SOME-THING LIKE THIS HAPPENED.
MABUI'S NINJUTSU SKILL IS OBJECT TELEPORTATION, SO SHE CAN SEND ANY OBJECT ANYWHERE AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT. THAT'S WHY SHE'S MY SECRETARY.

WE'VE BOTH GOT EXCEP-TIONAL SUBORDI-NATES, EH, TSUNADE?

I'VE GOT AN IDEA.
...

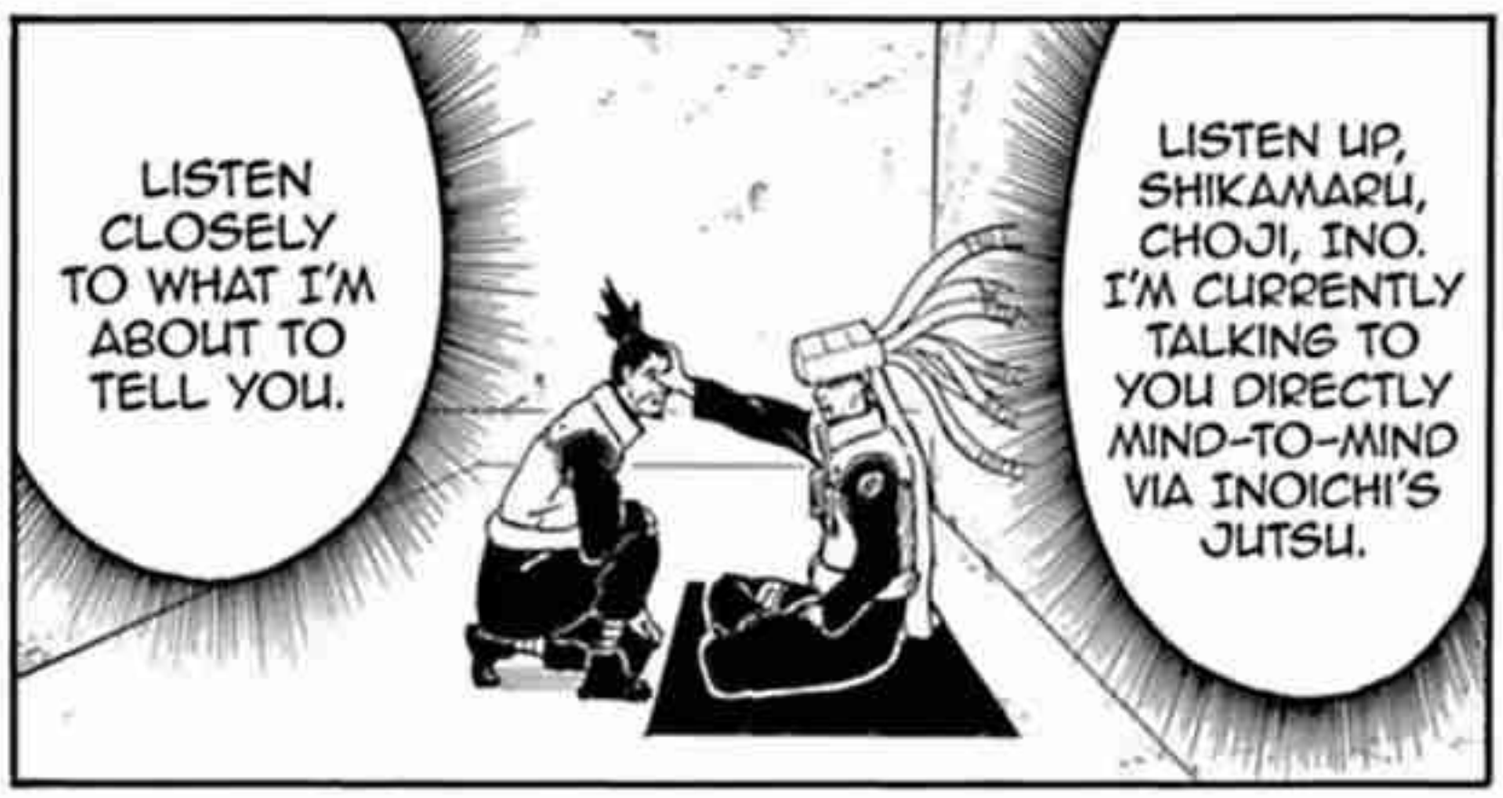
SLAP

ETHEREAL TRANSMISSION JUTSU!!

BZZZZZ

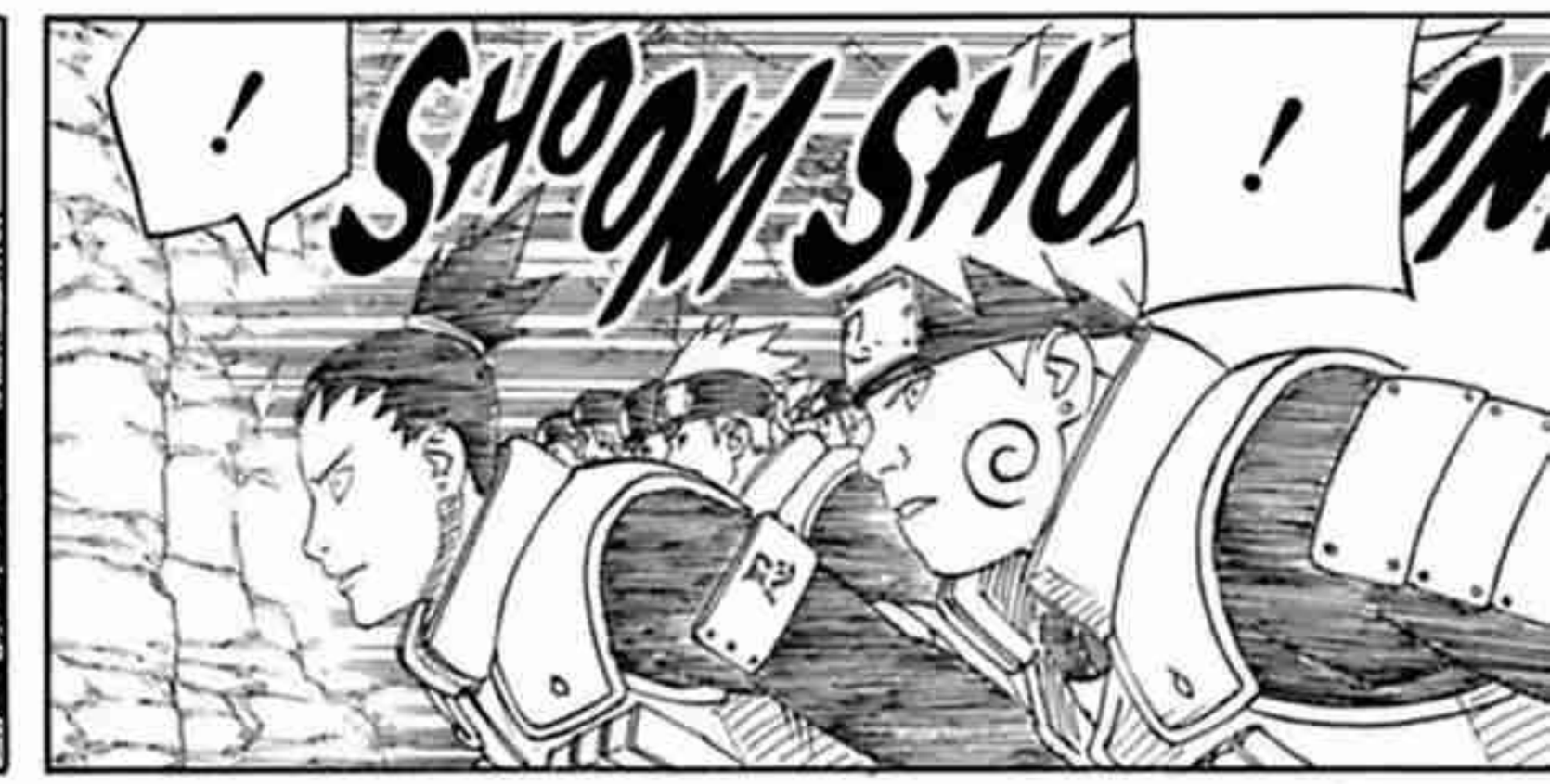
BEEEE
HERE IT IS!

ZAP
!!


LISTEN CLOSELY TO WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU.
LISTEN UP, SHIKAMARU, CHOJI, INO. I'M CURRENTLY TALKING TO YOU DIRECTLY MIND-TO-MIND VIA INOICHI'S JUTSU.

I KNOW!
REMEMBER, SHIKAKU, I CAN'T HOLD THIS JUTSU VERY LONG!

SHOOM
!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SHOOM SHO
!

G-
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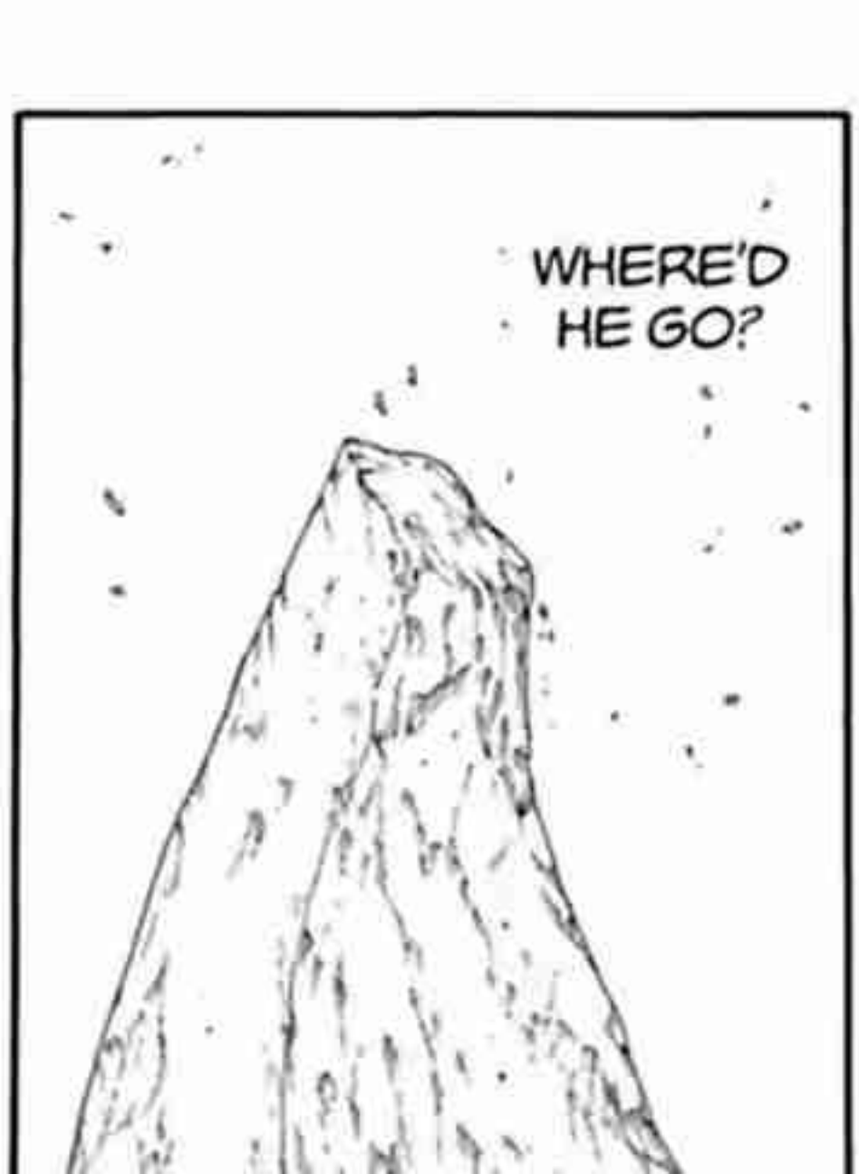
THAT'S OUR AMBER PURIFICATION JAR!
AAH, I GET IT. THEY'RE GOING TO TRY TO SEAL ME AWAY.

HOW CAN I SEAL HIM?!

JUST ONE GUY?!
NO WAY!


WHERE'D HE GO?

FSH

?!!

!!

DARUI, THIS IS SHIKAKU AT HQ. LISTEN.

KITSUCHI, SIR!
SORRY I'M LATE!!

SPLACH
SCREECH
GRRR

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

GO—!!

LOOK! REIN-FORCE-MENTS!

BOTHER-SOME.

SO WE'RE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT THIS LEGENDARY MONSTER KINKAKU WHO ONCE MESSED UP THE SECOND HOKAGE!

SHOOM

NEW LEGENDS ARE BORN WHEN THE PREVIOUS ARE SURPASSED!

LEGENDS OF THE PAST ARE KNOWN TO USE LIES.

YOU BOYS BETTER NOT WIMP OUT ON ME.

I'M SCARED.

THE TEAMWORK NINJUTSU OF INO-SHIKA-CHO IS ONE OF THE MOST CELEBRATED LEGENDS IN AND OF ITSELF! HAVE CONFIDENCE AND PRIDE IN THAT!!

HE MAY HAVE NINE TAILS' POWER, BUT WE HAVE THE POWER OF THE INO-SHIKA-CHO BOND!!

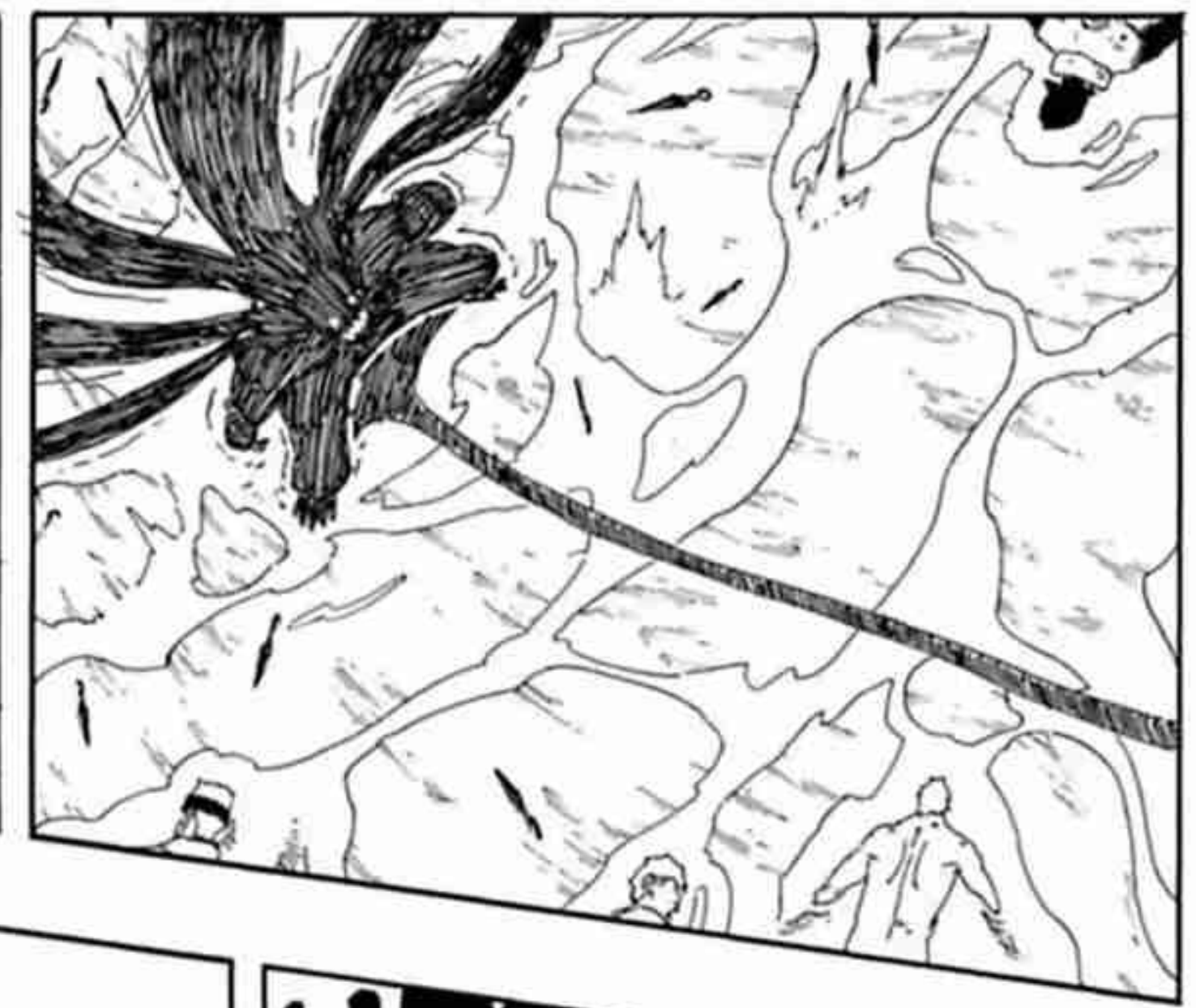
HE'S OVER!!

SO THAT'S HIM, HUH.

SORRY WE'RE LATE.

HUMAN JUGGER-NAUT!!
!!!
!!
WHAM
WAH!
YOU!
GG-G-

SHADOW POSSESSION! ACHIEVED!!
SHOOT



RAAWR !!
SNIP

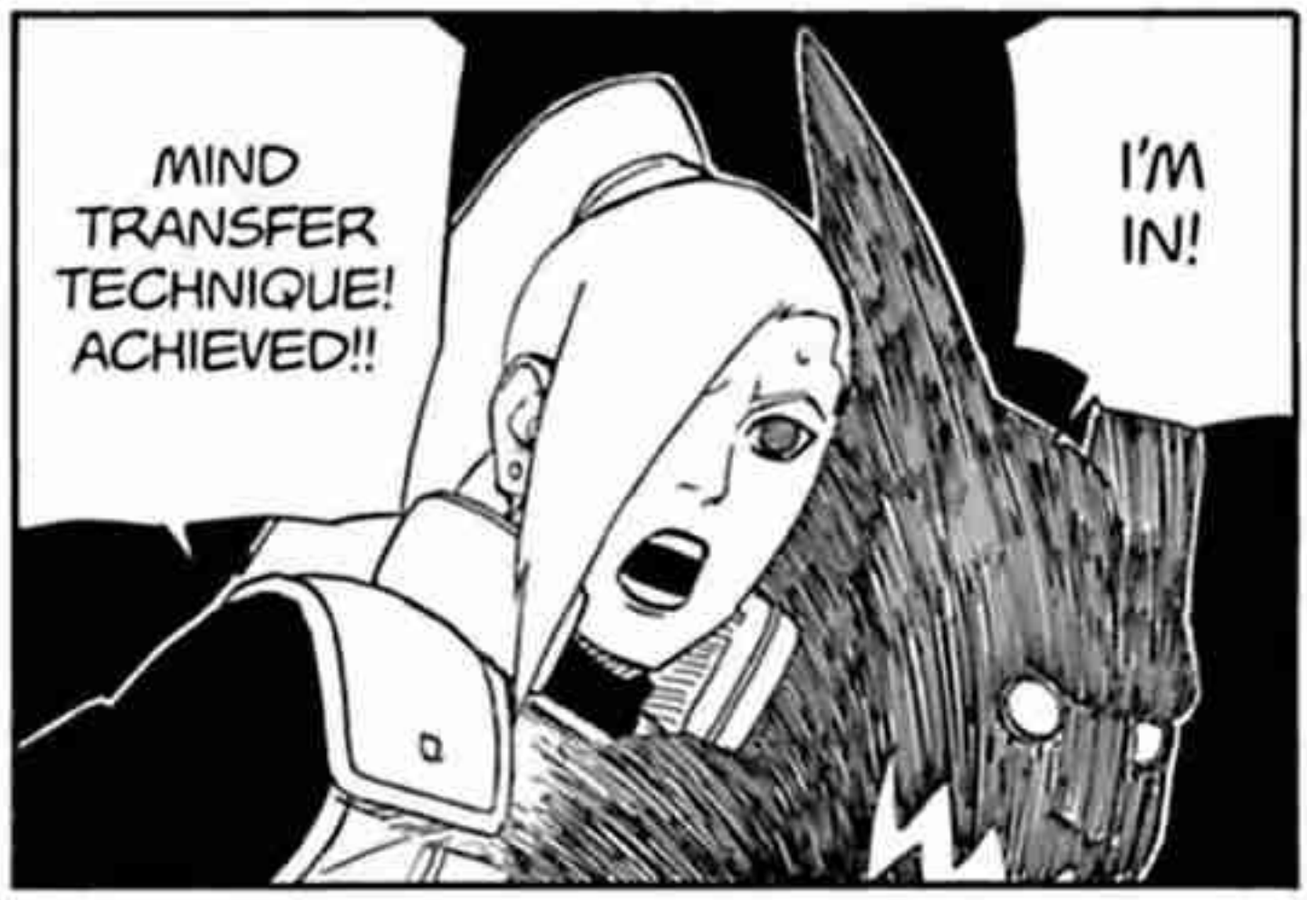
UNH

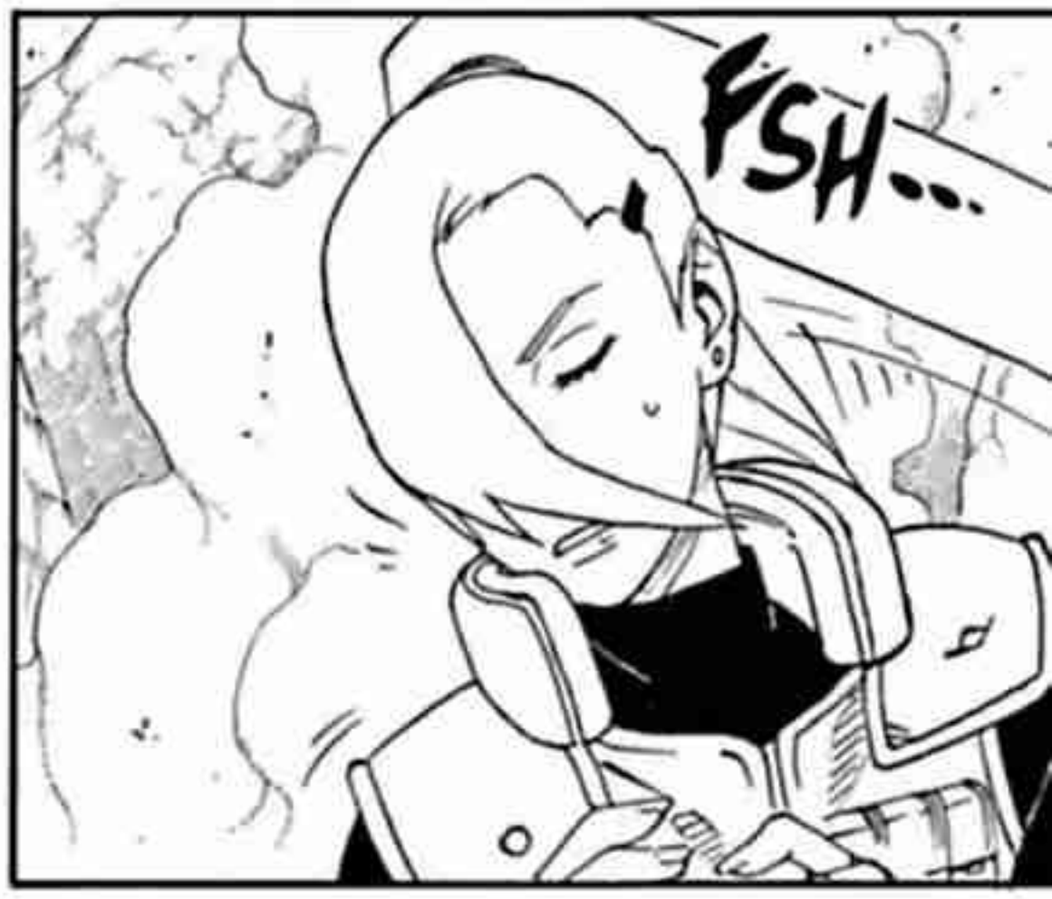
UNH
I CAN UNDO THIS.

HE CAN COUNTERACT SHADOW POSSESSION!!
VOOSH

NICE TIMING, INO.
MUF
MUF

RRRIIIKKKK


MIND TRANSFER TECHNIQUE! ACHIEVED!!
I'M IN!


FSH...

YES!

YAH!
KINKAKU!!

COME BACK, INO!!

WEEN

GOLD AND SILVER COINS MAY BE SHINIER AND WORTH MORE THAN BRONZE COINS ON THEIR OWN.

NEEW

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE, WHO WERE SUNG AS "TWO RAYS OF LIGHT AMONG THE CLOUDS," WERE DEFEATED BY THE LIKES OF YOU ALL!!

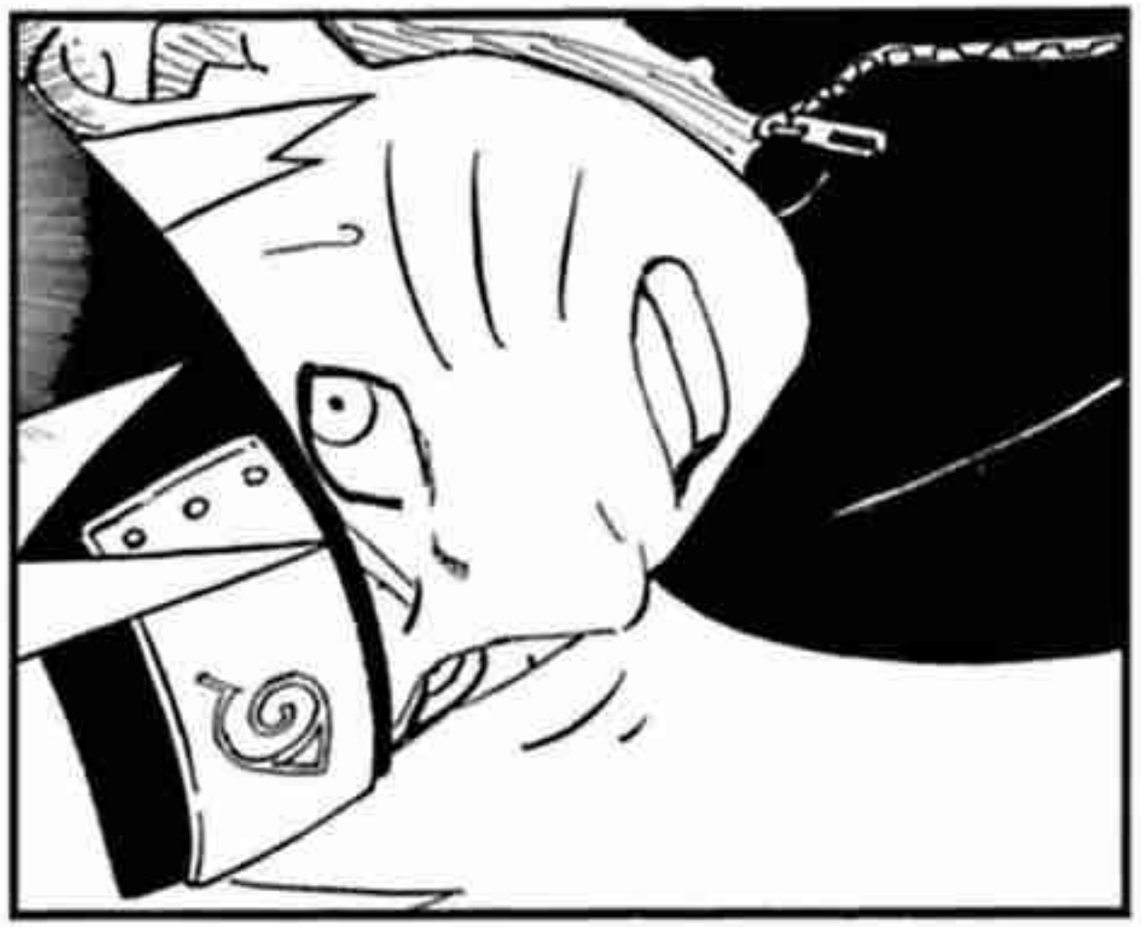
BLINK

SO SORRY! I ALREADY TOLD YOU I WAS GOING TO STRIP AWAY YOUR GOLD COATING.

LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE JUST GOLD-PLATED, ANYWAY. THAT'S WHY WE WON!

BUT IF YOU COLLECT ENOUGH BRONZE COINS, THEY'LL BUY JUST AS MUCH AS A SILVER OR GOLD ALONE!

WHUMP...



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I THINK I SWEATED OFF 50 POUNDS.

FOR BEING AFRAID, YOU DID SO GOOD, CHOJI!

WELL, IF THAT'S ALL THEN YOU'RE FINE, CHOJI.

HACK

KOFF

YESSIR!!

YESSIR!!

WHICH MEANS WE WON'T BE ABLE TO USE THE OTHER TWO NINJA TOOLS NOW. WHERE'S THE BASHOSEN FAN?

TAK

WSH WSH

I SEALED AWAY THE SPIRIT-WORD-SQUEEZING ROPE ALONG WITH KINKAKU.

YEAH!

THWAK

C'MON, GET UP!

ALREADY ?!

LET'S GO, CHOJI, INO!

SCREECH
THAT'S...!

SLOSH
!
SLOSH
SLOSH
!

!
SHOOM
SPLASH

LONG TIME NO SEE, INO-SHIKA-CHO BRATS.
FSH
YOU ARE KAKUZU?

DID YOU CHOP OFF HIS HEAD WHILE HE WAS MEDITATING AGAIN?
SO, SHADOW BRAT, YOU TOOK DOWN HIDAN?
I'M ASSUMING SINCE YOU DON'T HAVE HIS BODY THAT HE'S NOT ACTUALLY DEAD, THOUGH.

WE'VE TAKEN THE KIN, THE SHOGI GOLD GENERAL.
WE KNOW THE MOVES OF THE KAKU, THE SHOGI BISHOP. WE KNOW HOW TO TAKE YOU DOWN TOO!

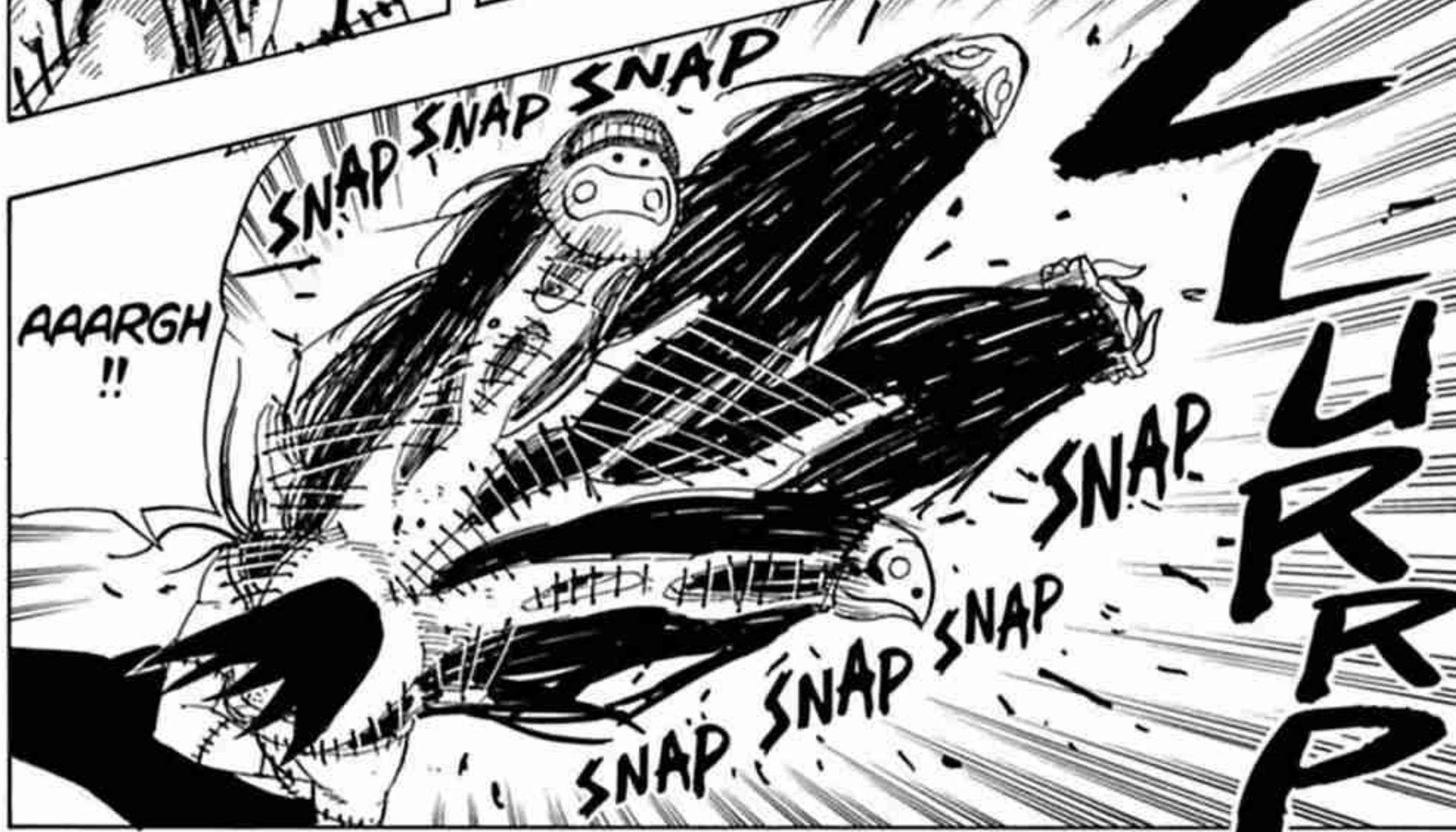
ZWOP...
AND THIS ONE MAKES IT FIVE.
BADUMP
BADUMP

SO I'M ON DEFENSE WITH NO HISHA, MY ROOK, AND MY GOLD AND SILVER GENERALS ALSO TAKEN?
YOINK

WHO CARES IF HE'S DEAD OR ALIVE?!!

I THINK IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GET STARTED IN TRUE KAKU MODE.
WHUF

HE'S GOT FIVE HEARTS. THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO TAKE HIM DOWN FIVE TIMES!


AAARGH !!
SNAP SNAP SNAP
SNAP
SNAP SNAP SNAP
ZURRP

WE'VE GOT OUR OWN GOLD AND SILVER SHOGI GAME PIECES TAKEN FROM YOUR SIDE, TOO.

2HUP 2HUP 2HUP

DON'T YOU WANNA KNOW WHO THEY ARE?

MASTER ASUMA!!!

!!

!

...YOUR FORMER TEACHER, SON OF THE THIRD HOKAGE, SARUTOBI ASUMA!

BOOM

TAK TAK TAK

THERE ARE STILL MORE!

SO YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES WHO'VE TAKEN YOUR OPPONENT'S PIECES.

IT'S NOT THAT EASY... WITH YOU AS OUR OPPONENT!

HURRY UP AND SHUT ME INSIDE A BARRIER!
CHOZA, IS THE FOUR FLAMES FORMATION NOT READY YET?!

BEFORE I USE THE GHOST TRANSFOR-MATION JUTSU!!

SOME WEIRD BLACK THINGS ARE SHOWING UP! BE CAREFUL!

!

THEY SAY THAT MONEY TALKS, EVEN IN HELL.
SO IS THAT THE TRUTH, O DEAD ONE?
SORRY. I DON'T REMEMBER THOSE WHO DON'T GARNER ME ANY BOUNTY.
WE OWE YOU.
WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOU, YOU STRINGY MESS.

THK

THK

HELP SEAL HIM AWAY!!
SHIKAMARU, CHOJI, INO!

SENPAI!
MISTER IZUMO AND MISTER KOTETSU!

YES!!
TAK
ALL RIGHT!!

KAKUZU USES EARTH STYLE. DARUI USES LIGHTNING STYLE. HE'S YOUR ANCHOR.
IZUMO, KOTETSU, HELP DARUI TAKE KAKUZU.

!
URK
URK
!

SO THEY KNOW MORE ABOUT ASUMA THAN ANYONE ELSE. THEY HAVE A CHANCE AT VICTORY!

THEY WERE ASUMA'S SUBORDINATES, THE FORMER CELL NUMBER 10.

I'M GOING TO HAVE SHIKAMARU AND THE OTHERS FIGHT ASUMA.

ASUMA-SENPAI WAS THEIR TEACHER...! IT'S TOO CRUEL!

BUT... THAT'S JUST...!

BUT I... UH...DON'T...

THIS IS WAR! AND WE *HAVE* TO WIN!

DON'T YOU COMPLAIN!

HUH?

SLOSH

...!

...!

SLOSH

ISN'T THAT THE WAY FRIENDS BEHAVE, MILKSOP?!

IF YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS, THEN INSTEAD OF RUNNING AWAY... YOU SHOULD SET YOUR MIND TO IMPROVING YOURSELF!

...

I'LL DO IT.

I'M COUNTING ON YOU... SHIKAMARU.

!!

CHOJI! LOOK AROUND REAL CLOSE!!

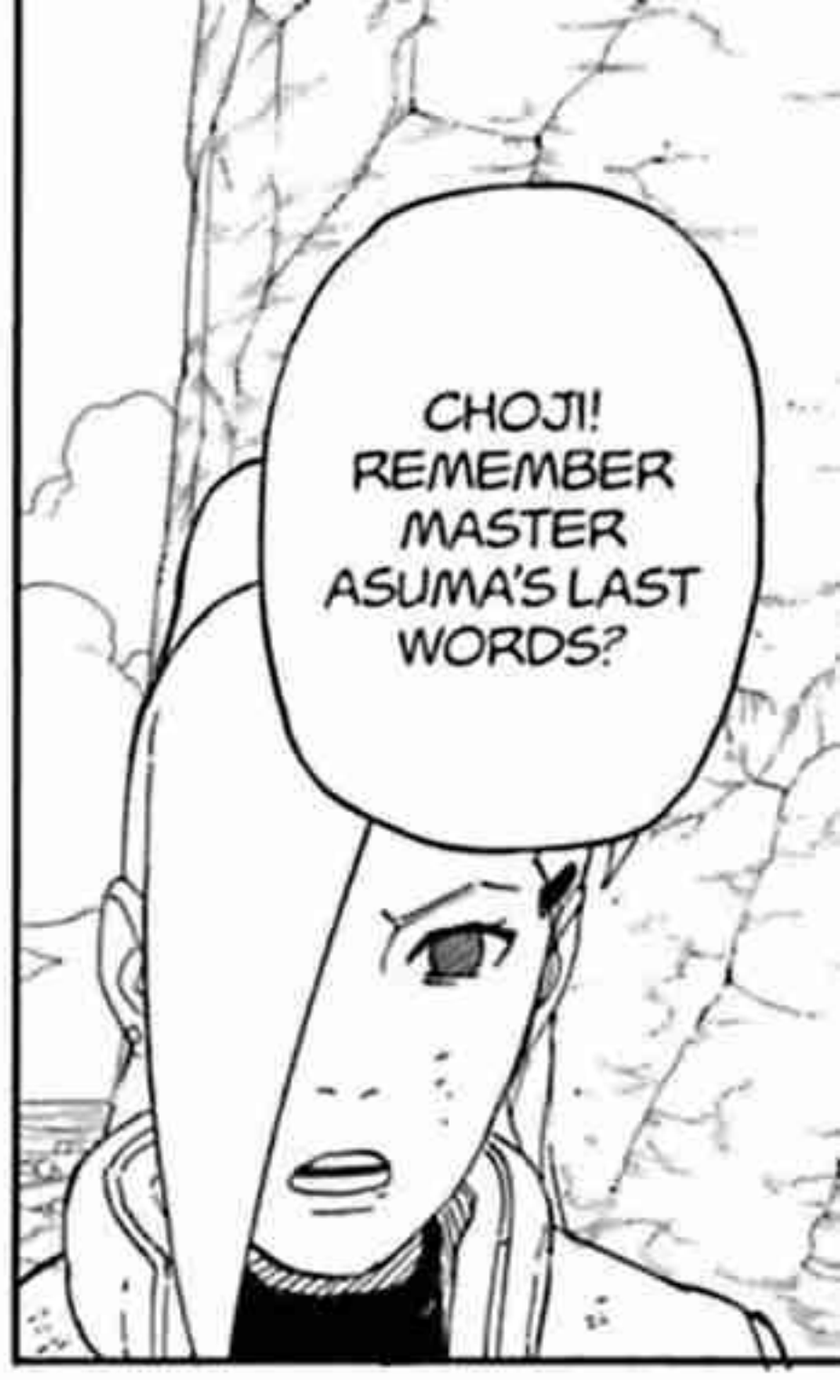
INO, WHAT ABOUT YOU?!
SHIKA-MARU...!

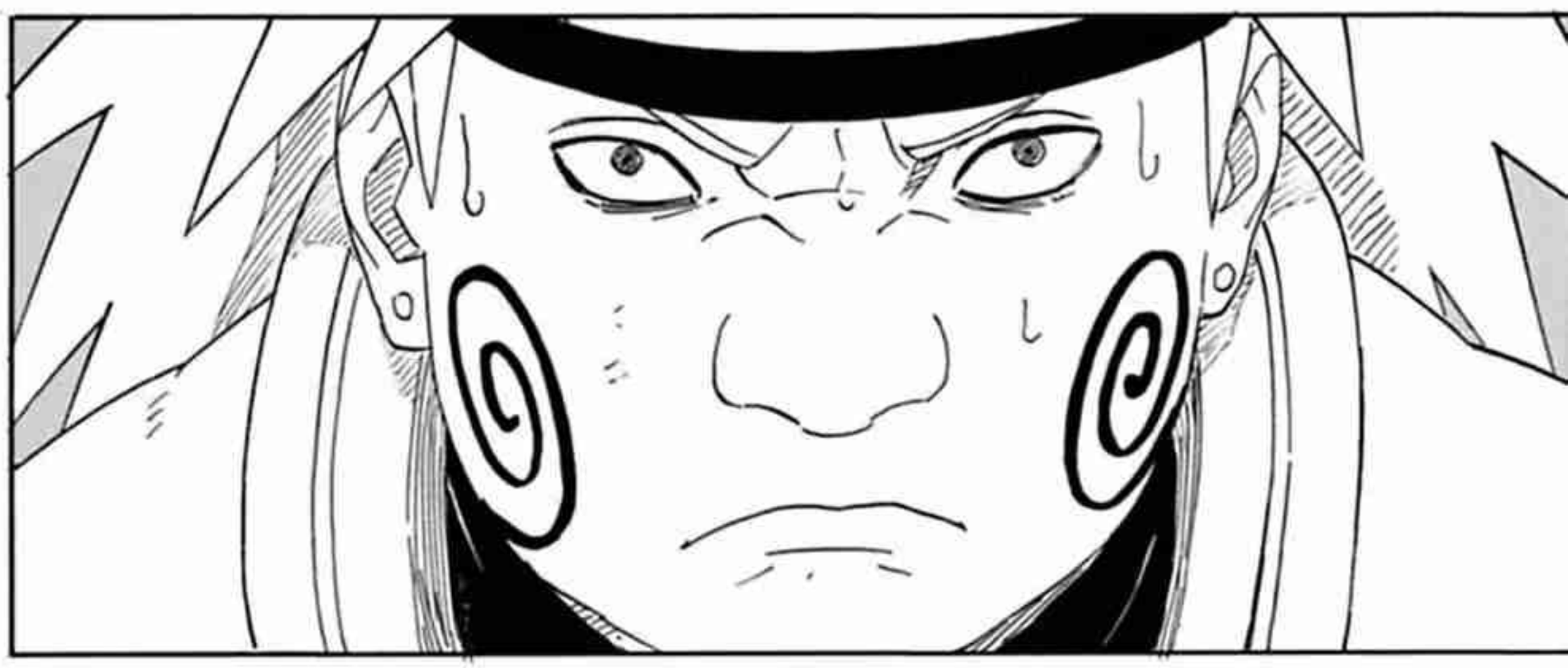
...
GULP

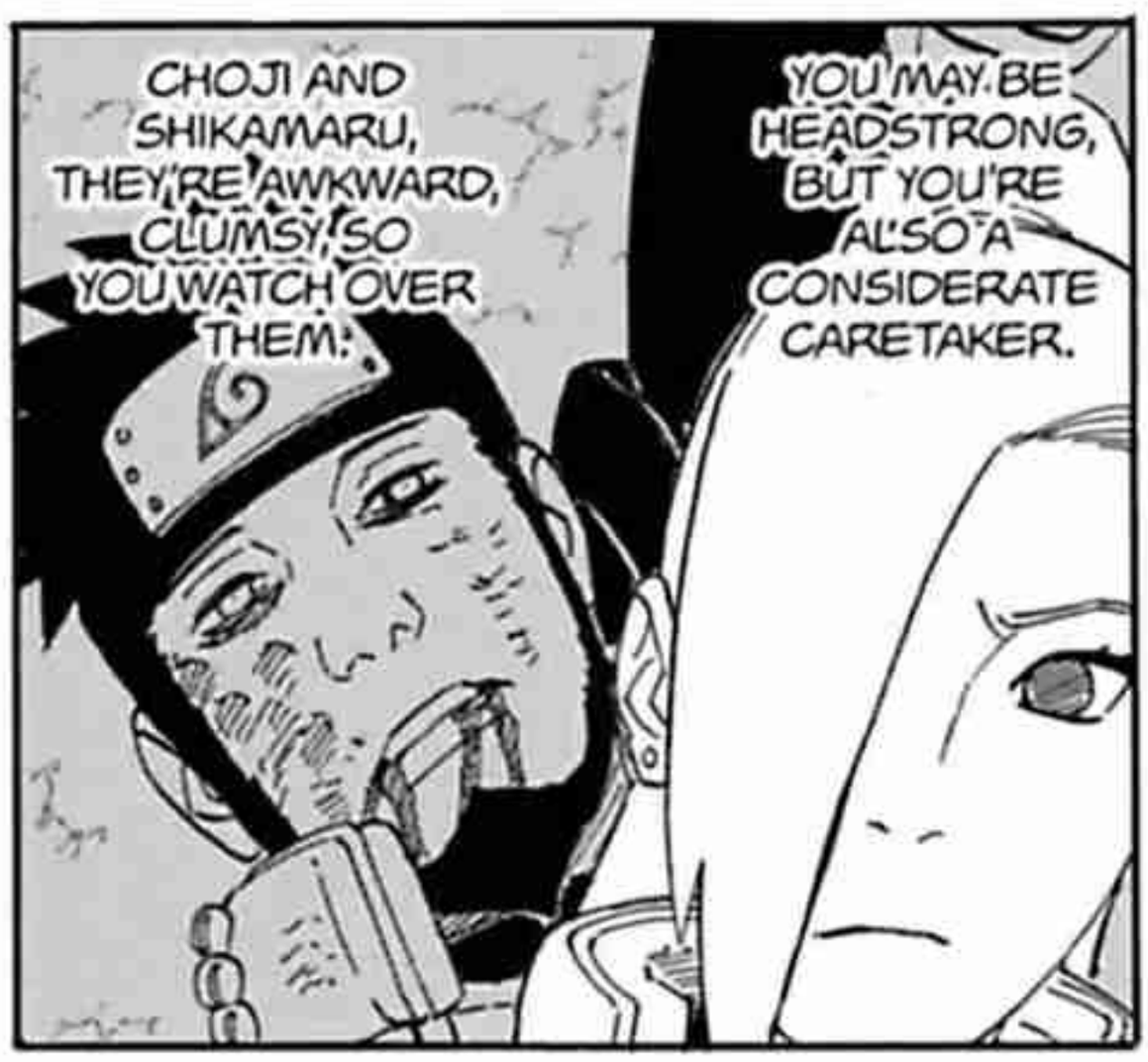
GO—!
AARGH!
THD THD THD
THK THK

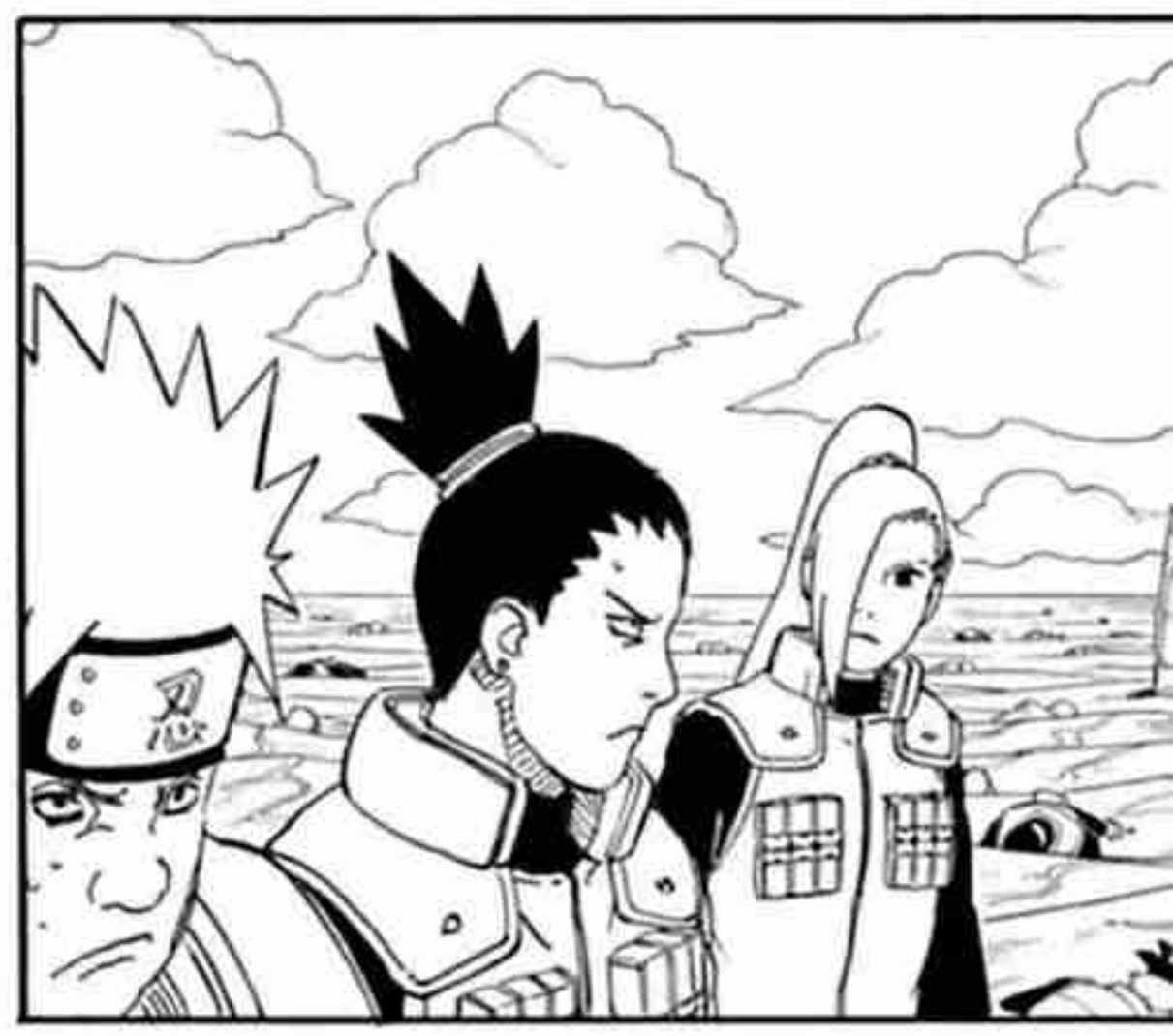
SO BE MORE CONFIDENT IN YOURSELF.

IN TIME, YOU'LL BECOME A STRONGER SHINOBI THAN EVERYONE ELSE.
CHOJI, YOU'RE A THOUGHTFUL, LOYAL FRIEND AND A KIND SOUL.


CHOJI! REMEMBER MASTER ASUMA'S LAST WORDS?




CHOJI AND SHIKAMARU, THEY'RE AWKWARD, CLUMSY, SO YOU WATCH OVER THEM:
YOU MAY BE HEADSTRONG, BUT YOU'RE ALSO A CONSIDERATE CARETAKER.



LET'S GO DO THIS, YOU TWO.

YEAH!

U-UH, OKAY.

TAP

TAP

SH

FF ZZ ARGH!! ZZZZ

VW OOOSH

FIRE STYLE! BURNING ASH!!

I SAID I WANTED OUT, DIDN'T I, *HMMM*?!!

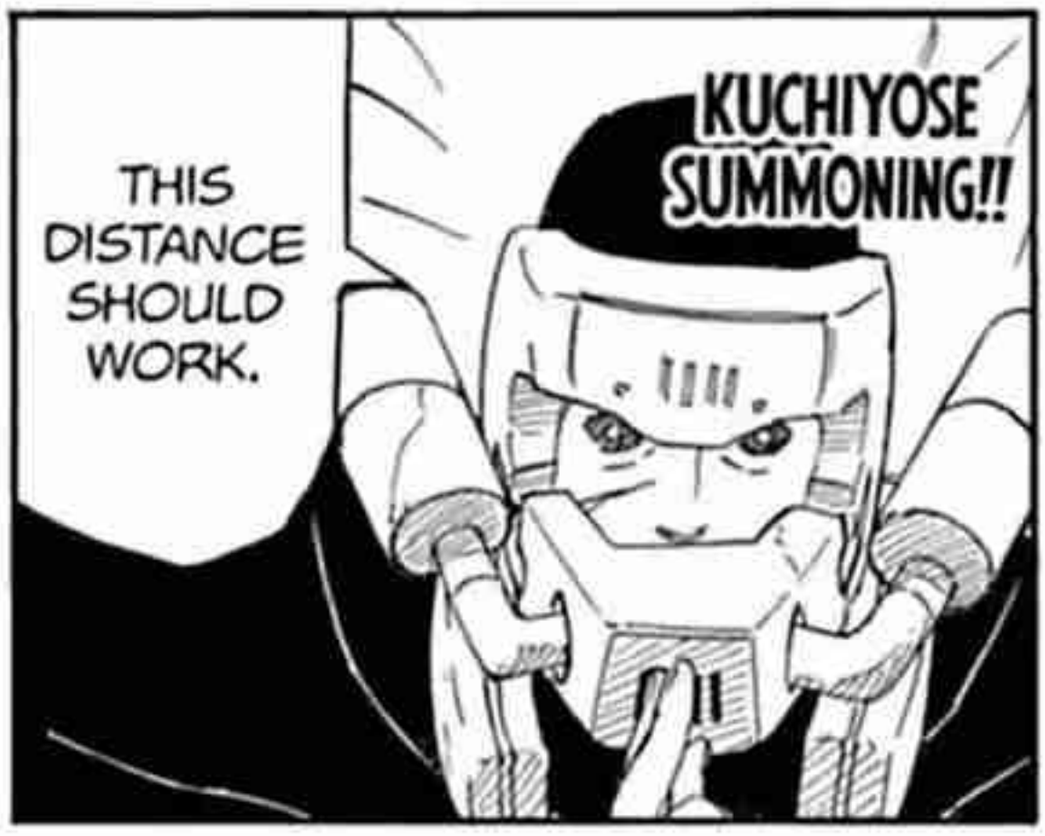
JUST A LITTLE FUR-THER!

SHUM SHUM SHUM

EVERYONE'S GOING TO THINK I'VE BEEN PLAYING POSSUM AGAIN!
I DON'T CARE IF IT WAS THE AKATSUKI OR OROCHIMARU! WHOEVER REANIMATED ME WILL ABSOLUTELY REGRET IT!!
HOW UNDIGNIFIED!

OVER THERE!

I CAN FEEL LORD OROCHIMARU'S CHAKRA PASS THROUGH MY SKULL, SEEP INTO MY FLESH AND BONES.
I MUST ACHIEVE MY OBJECTIVE!


THIS DISTANCE SHOULD WORK.
KUCHIYOSE SUMMONING!!

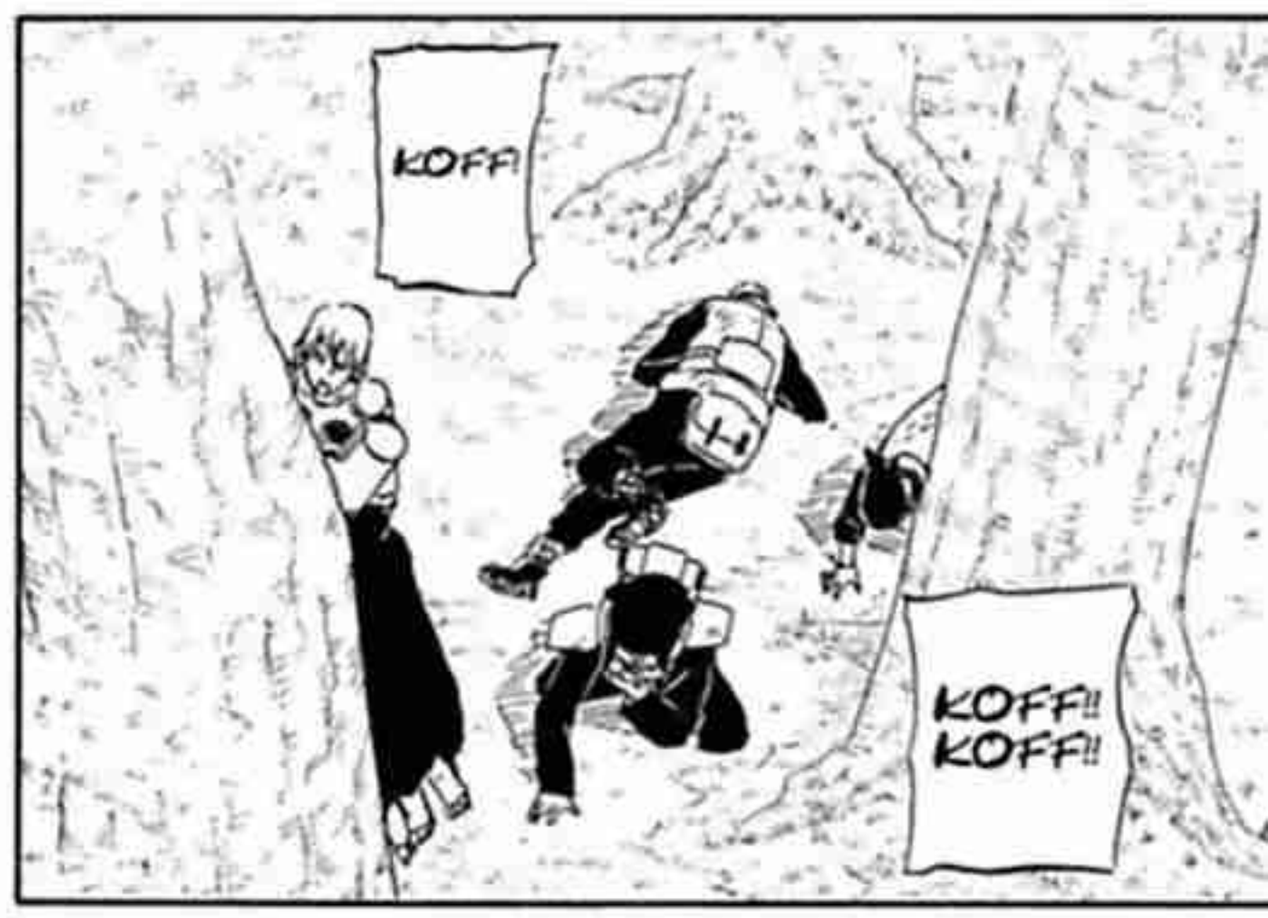
YOU BE QUIET, FACE MASK!!
I'M TRYING TO CONCENTRATE! BE QUIET, PUPPET GRANNY.

BOOF
KRAK KRAK
WAAH!!
SPLOOF
DO IT, IBUSE!
POISON FOG!!
!!

BOOOOF

I'M GOING NUMB...
URK
URK
URK

RAPID POISON GAS!


KOFF!
KOFF!! KOFF!!

GOTCHA.
SWIP

THO
OM
!!

KASHI
...CAN'T MOVE.
UNGH.
KA

LORD HANZO, I PRE-SUME?
!!!

I DESIRE TO BATTLE YOU!
MY NAME IS MIFUNÉ, LEADER OF THE SAMURAI.

NARUTO

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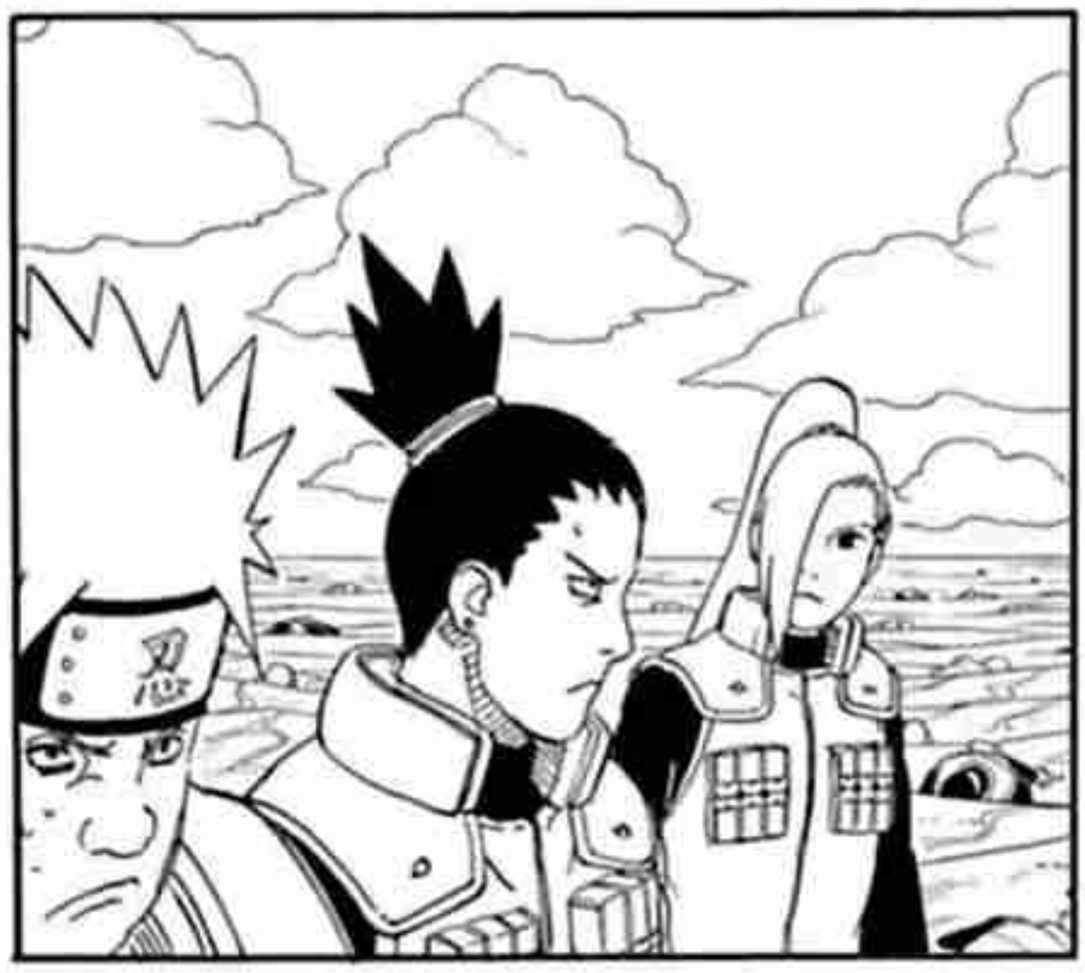
NARUTO



WE'RE PREPARED FOR THE INEVITABLE.

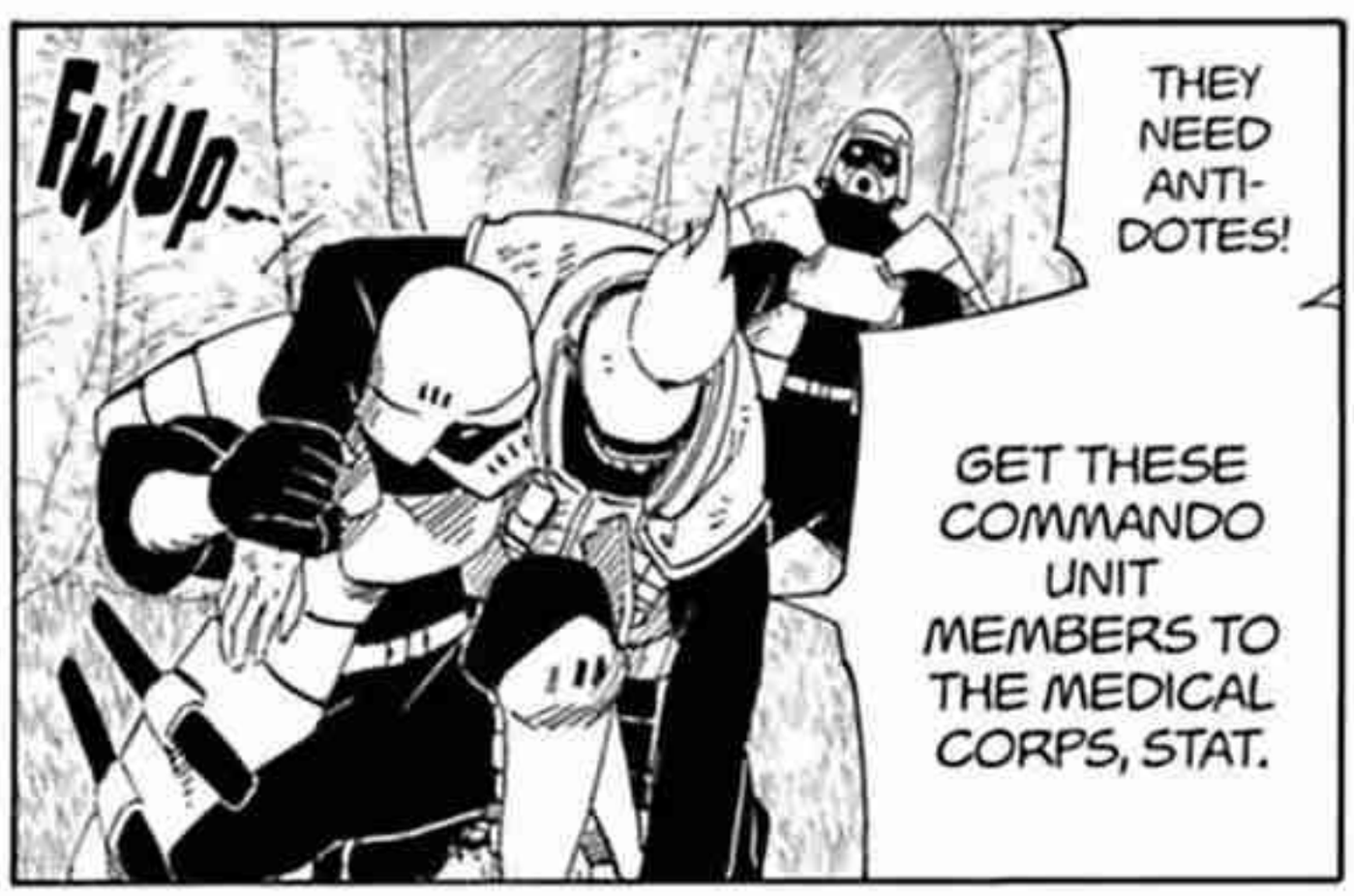
WE NEED TO HEAR YOU ACKNOWLEDGE IT, MASTER.

SORRY WE'RE LATE!

WE'RE SAVED!

SCREECH

BE CAREFUL.
THIS ENEMY USES POISON.

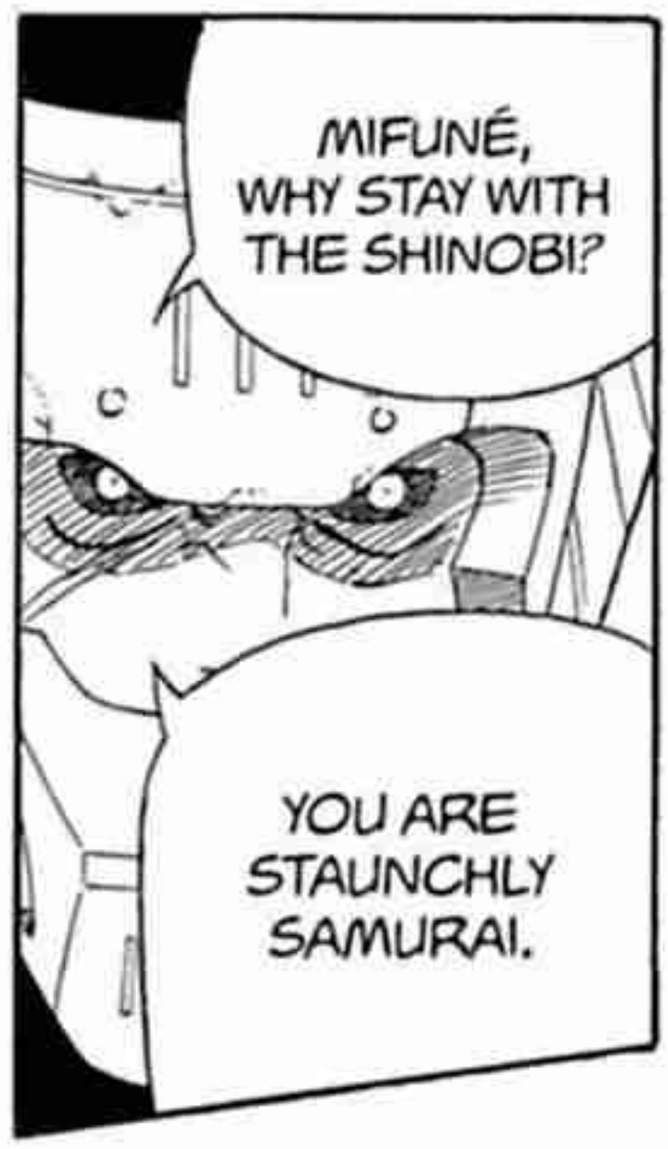

FWUP
THEY NEED ANTI-DOTES!
GET THESE COMMANDO UNIT MEMBERS TO THE MEDICAL CORPS, STAT.

...ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR FIGHTING SHINOBI AND ARE IMPERVIOUS TO POISON GAS!
OUR MASKS...

ASSIS-TANCE IS UNNECES-SARY!
STAY OUT OF THE WAY IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO GET INJURED.
LORD MIFUNÉ!

THE ONE MASTER THAT WE FOLLOW, WHO HAS NEVER CHANGED SINCE OLDEN DAYS...
WE DO NOT SERVE SHINOBI.

TO SERVE SHINOBI.
HOW CAN YOU STILL CALL YOURSELVES SAMURAI?


MIFUNÉ, WHY STAY WITH THE SHINOBI?
YOU ARE STAUNCHLY SAMURAI.

CHIING

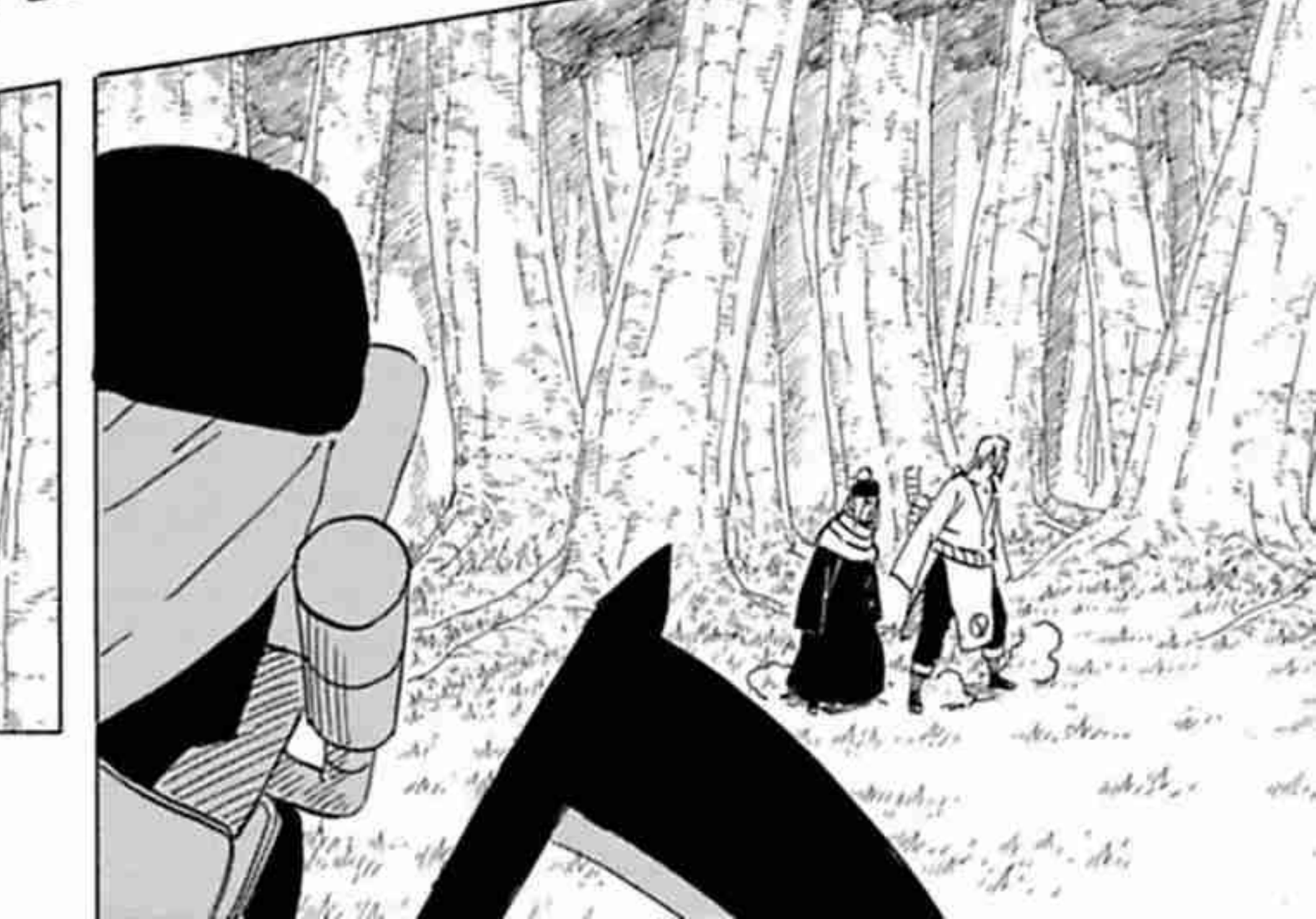
TMP

...IS PEACE!!

SCREECH

WE PLEDGE OURSELVES TO PEACE AND ACT UPON THAT CONVIC-TION!

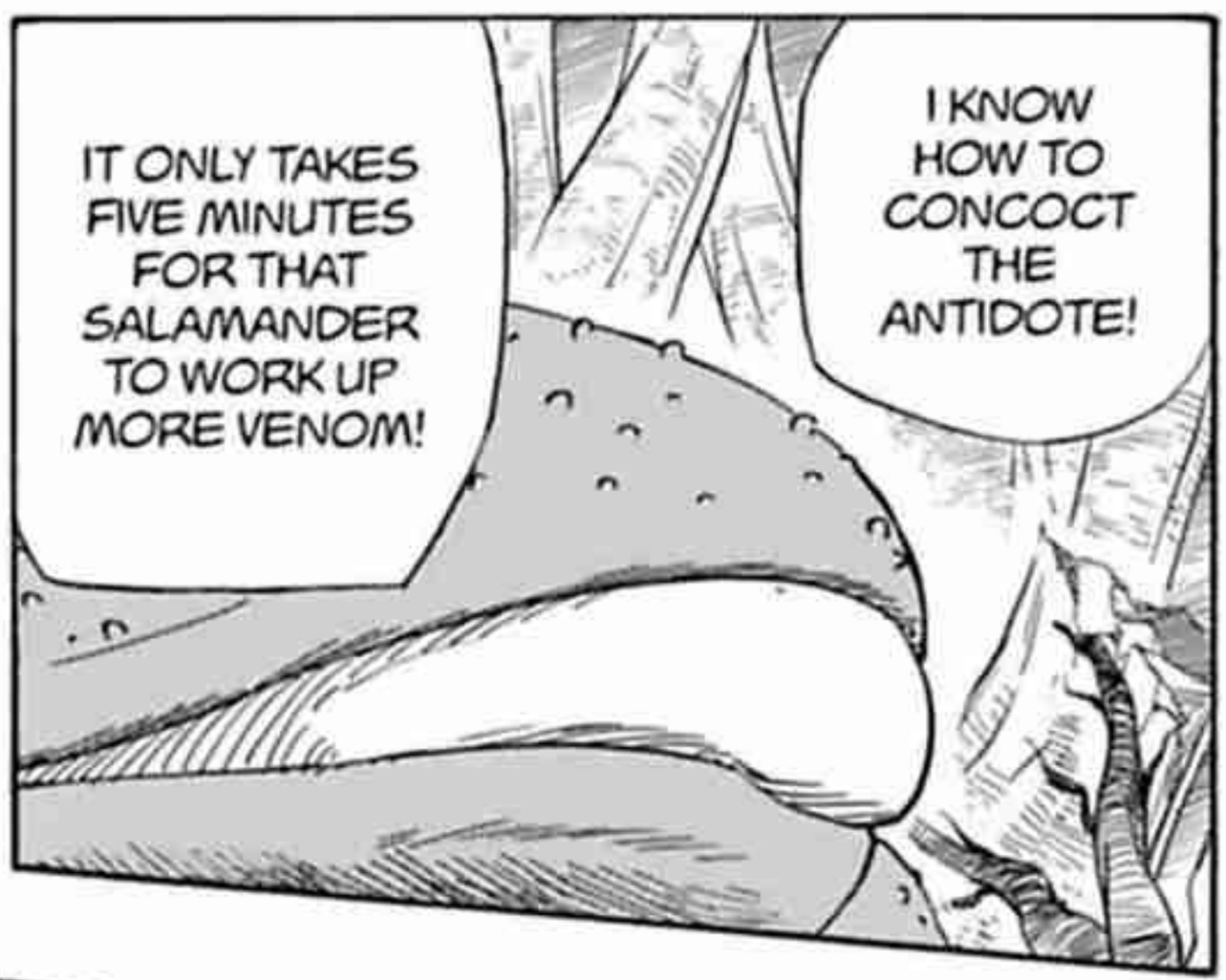
PEACE...?!



I FOUGHT HIM MANY TIMES IN MY DAY!
HANZO CONTROLS A VENOMOUS SALAMAN-DER!
UH... YES?
I HAVEN'T BEEN PLAYING DEAD! YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT, KANKURO?!

LADY CHIYO!
!

IBUSE, WITHDRAW FOR NOW!!
THAT INTERFERING HAG SPOILS MY SECRETS!


IT ONLY TAKES FIVE MINUTES FOR THAT SALAMANDER TO WORK UP MORE VENOM!
I KNOW HOW TO CONCOCT THE ANTIDOTE!

LET'S GO.

쨍

SPAK SPAK SPAK SPAK

HE COMES!

BZZZZZ

SO SOLID...!!

READ THIS WAY
JUMPS
YOU FIGHT WELL FOR A WEAK MAN OF PEACE.
YOU DODGED THAT. I'M IMPRESSED.
KLANG
WHOOSH
...

YOU CAME TO REALIZE?

I QUICKLY CAME TO REALIZE THAT TRUE PEACE DOES NOT EXIST.

DON'T YOU LOOK AT ME THAT WAY.

I TOO ONCE AIMED FOR PEACE. I WAS GOING TO UNITE THE FIVE PRINCIPLE TERRITORIES INTO ONE SHINOBI WORLD.

MANY SAMURAI HAVE BECOME SHINOBI. THEIR TRAINING IS INTERMIXED, TAINTED.

KLANG

KLANG

SHINOBI HAVE NO DEVOTION TO PEACE. THEY ARE RULED BY MONEY AND NINJUTSU AND POWER.

THERE IS NO LONGER A ROLE FOR SAMURAI IN THIS WORLD.

ALL THAT'S LEFT AT THE END IS DEATH!

BATTLE AFTER BATTLE AFTER BATTLE.

SWISH

HUMPH! YOU MORE THAN ANY OTHER KNOW BEST WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE SAMURAI!

YOU SAY YOU PLEDGE YOUR-SELVES TO PEACE?

I AM THE SAME.

THEY FIGHT, THEY DIE. AND THEY LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND.

WHAT DRIVES ME IS MY CONVICTION!

YOU ARE WRONG. IT IS **NOT** A QUESTION OF LIFE OR DEATH.

YOURS HAS BECOME WARPED!

IT IS FINE BY ME IF I SHOULD LOSE MY LIFE IN THE PURSUIT OF PEACE!

KLAK

AND THUS ONE CAN LIVE ON IN OTHERS' MEMORIES, LIKE MY FAMED BLADE KUROSAWA HERE.

ACCORDING TO THE SAMURAI WAY, PEOPLE THEMSELVES ARE SWORDS!

I TOLD YOU. CONVICTION LIVES FOREVER.

WHAT CAN YOU GLEAN FROM A LUMP OF IRON?

DO NOT COMPARE PEOPLE TO BLADES!

!!

I SHALL ERASE YOU SAMURAI, ONCE AND FOR ALL!

ENOUGH NON-SENSE!

FSH

INCLUDING YOUR PRACTICE OF SEPPUKU...

WHY DO YOU SAMURAI TRY TO CUT SHORT AND ERASE YOUR LIVES SO MUCH?

AND I WILL KEEP YOU FROM CASTING NINJUTSU.

MY TWO-STEP SICKLE-AND-CHAIN ATTACK.

NO ONE'S EVER MANAGED TO AVOID IT.

SO THIS IS WHAT THEY MEANT BY NINJUTSU NOT WORKING AGAINST MIFUNÉ. YOU DO NOT ALLOW ANY TIME TO WEAVE SIGNS.

AND...

YOU LIVE UP TO YOUR REPUTATION AS AN EXPERT SWORDS-MAN.

OH?

THEN WHY ARE YOU NOT DEAD?

...WE ACTUALLY EXCHANGED BLOWS ONCE, THOUGH I DOUBT YOU WOULD REMEMBER.

IN THE DISTANT PAST, WHEN MY NAME WAS STILL UNKNOWN...

I'LL MAKE SURE TO FINISH YOU OFF THIS TIME.

I SEE. SO YOU WERE THAT SAMURAI. I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU SURVIVED.

I WAS ABLE TO TELL FROM OUR FIRST EXCHANGE TODAY WHY YOU, WHO WERE ONCE SO STRONG, COULD BE DEFEATED AND KILLED.

SORRY TO DISAPPOINT, BUT THAT WON'T BE POSSIBLE.

YOU SHATTERED MY BLADE WITH THAT SICKLE-AND-CHAIN, AND SMASHED MY HEAD IN.

BUT SOME-HOW, MY LIFE ITSELF WAS SPARED.

...!

I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT A SHINOBI OF YOUR CALIBER IS NOT AWARE OF IT.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

WHAT?!

WHO ARE YOU?

YOU! YOU'RE YAHIKO OF THE AKATSUKI...!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
BUT YOU'RE DEAD!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN MY FACE?

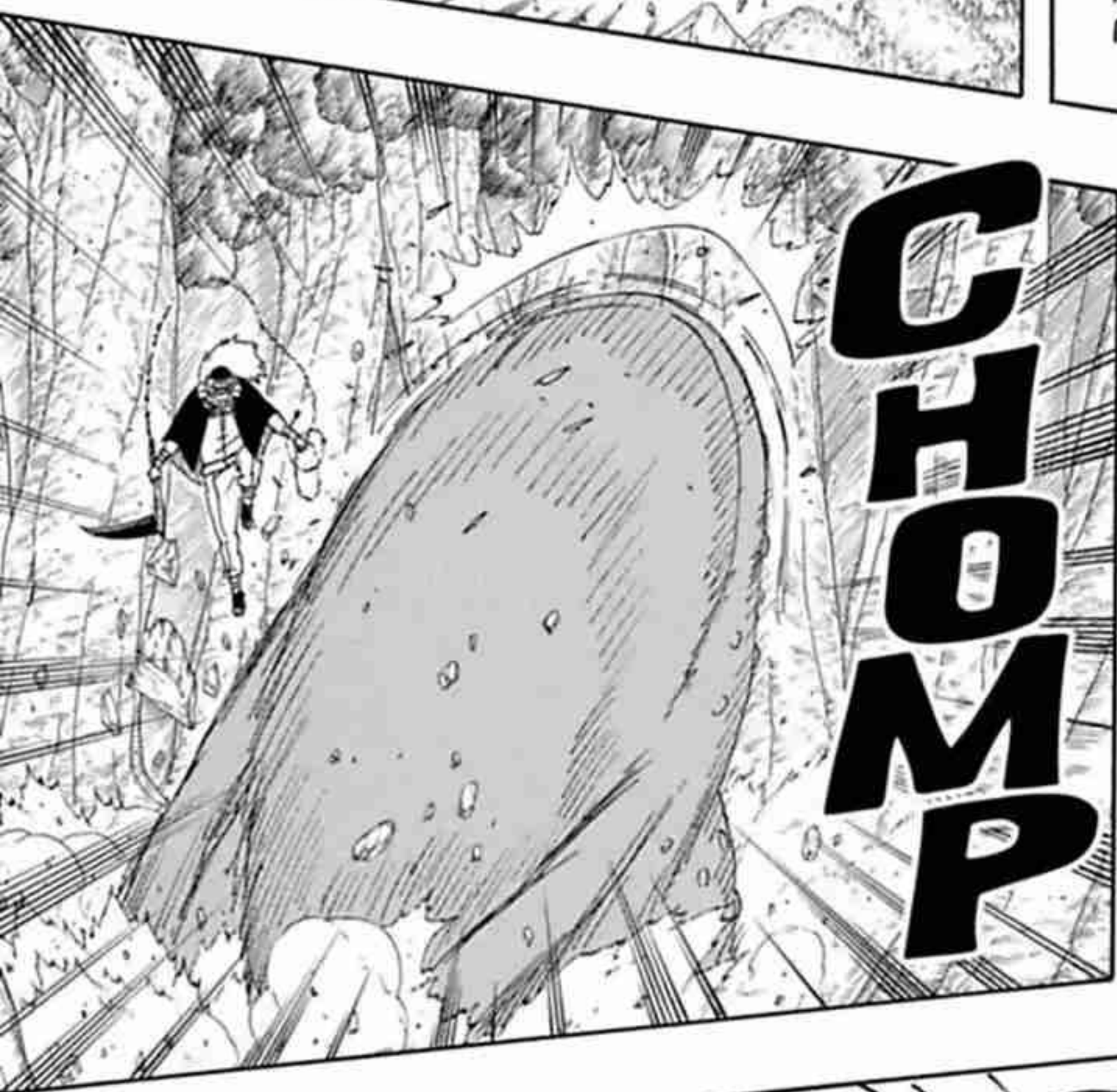
WHAT ARE YOU?!
HOW DO YOU HAVE SO MUCH POWER?!
I ONCE RESPECTED YOU.
BUT YOU HAVE CHANGED.

YOU ALLIED WITH DANZO AND BETRAYED US.
YOU ARE NOW ONLY INTERESTED IN SELF-PRESERVATION— YOU ARE A PIECE OF GARBAGE.

BEGONE, HANZO!
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY YOU LOST!

KLANG
WAP
!!

WHAT DO THEY MEAN?!
WHAT IS IT THAT I'M NOT ABLE TO SEE?!


CHOMP

SWOO...

!
REEEEEK

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU!
BE BATHED IN VENOM AND DIE!

SLA

DRAW AND SLICE!!

REMEMBER, PEOPLE ARE LIKE SWORDS!
A BLUNT SWORD DOES NOT LAST!
KA CHAK
YOUR CONVICTION IS WARPED. YOU DO NOT HONE YOURSELF AS A WEAPON. YOU NO LONGER IMPROVE. YOU HAVE LOST YOUR SHARPNESS!
AND THUS YOUR BLADE BECAME SULLIED WITH BLOOD, RUSTED, ITS EDGE DULLED.
!
THERE IS NOT EVEN A SINGLE STAIN ON HIS BLADE. HE'S JUST THAT FAST?!
WHY?!
WHY AM I THE ONE WHO IS CUT DOWN THIS TIME?!
...SHALL BECOME A HERO WHOSE NAME IS SUNG THROUGH-OUT THE AGES!
...ONE TRUE TO HIS CONVICTIONS...

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FSH FSH FSH

WAP

SSHAAK

THE NUMBNESS WILL TAKE AWAY YOUR PAIN... AND WITHIN 48 HOURS YOU'LL BE DEAD.

SALAMANDER VENOM.

MY BLADE IS COATED WITH IT.

!

SPLUT SPLUT

MUF

MUF

UNH

UNH

...?!

HUF

HUF

IN MY VILLAGE THERE ONCE LIVED A DEADLY VENOMOUS BLACK SALAMANDER.

WANT TO KNOW WHY I'M KNOWN AS HANZO THE SALAMANDER?

UNGH

I'LL TELL IT TO YOU AS A DEADTIME STORY!

I AM BOTH TOXIC AND RESISTANT TO POISON.

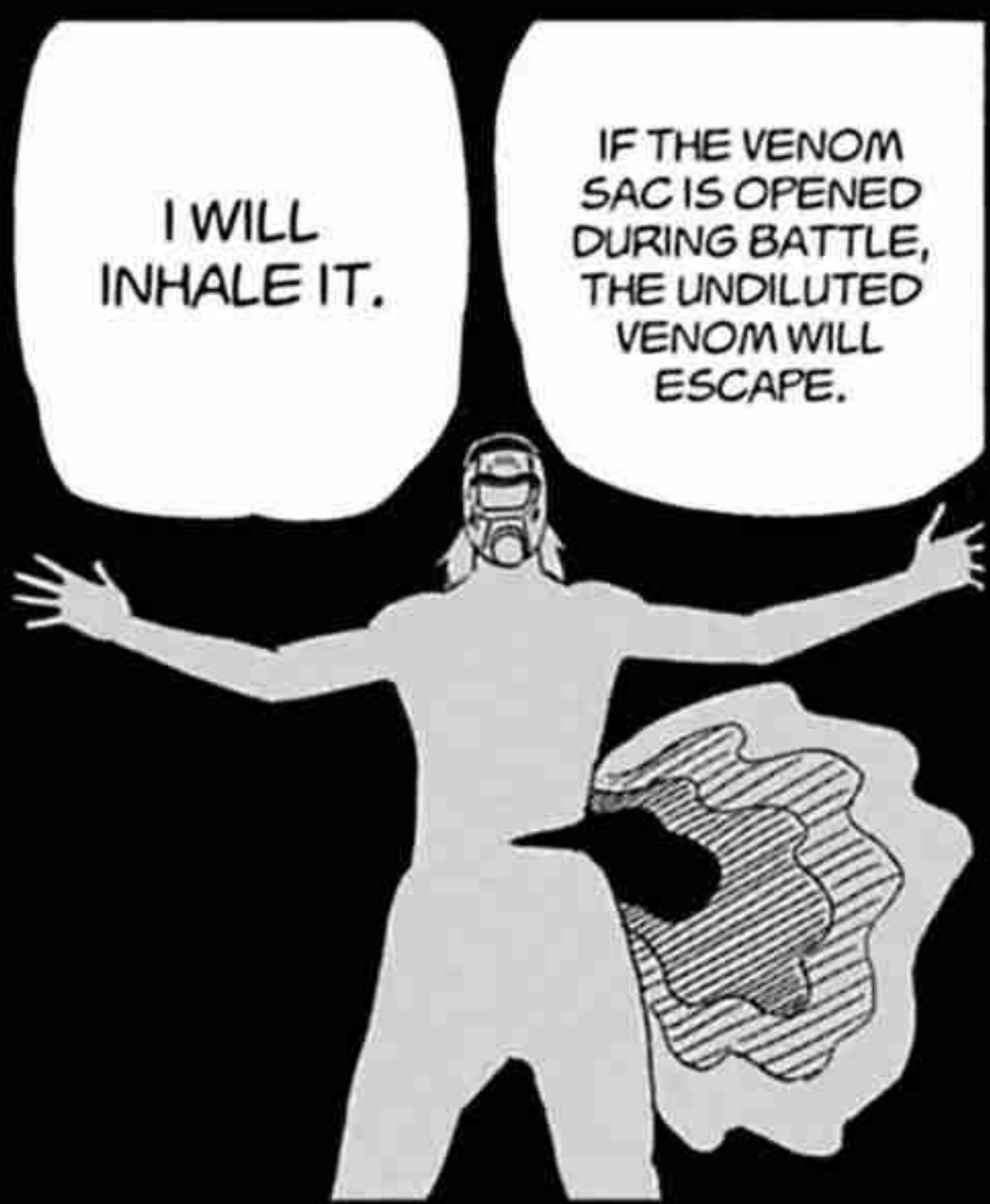
BUT WHEN THE SALAMANDER DIED, HIS VENOM SAC WAS PLACED INSIDE OF ME.

I WAS JUST A CHILD.

RIGHT HERE.

HUF
HUF
...TAKE OFF THE MASK DURING OUR FIGHT?
WHY DIDN'T YOU...

I WAS, OF COURSE, FEARED AS A CHILD.
I HAD TO USE THIS MASK OR I WOULD KILL ALL AROUND ME WITH MY MERE LIFEBREATH.
I CAN KILL YOU JUST BY BREATHING.


I WILL INHALE IT.
IF THE VENOM SAC IS OPENED DURING BATTLE, THE UNDILUTED VENOM WILL ESCAPE.

FOR THIS MASK PLAYS ONE OTHER ROLE.
IT PROTECTS ME AS WELL.
THERE ARE RISKS.

?
HUF
HUF

I WOULD NOT DIE. BUT I WOULD BE LEFT VULNER-ABLE.
AND THEN EVEN I WILL NOT BE LEFT UNHARMED.

THOUGH IT SEEMS YOU WIELDED A DULL BLADE.

YOU ARE A SKILLED OPPO-NENT.

I CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE YOU ANY ADVAN-TAGES.

...

SO IT ENDS LIKE THIS? SO DISAP-POINT-ING.

HUFF

HURK

PEOPLE THEM-SELVES ARE SWORDS!

WHICH MEANS I ALSO WAS A BLUNTED EDGE.

...

?

DEATH IS NOT THE END.

LET ME TELL YOU SOME-THING.

LOSS OF CONVIC-TION IS THE END.

HUF

HUF

...!

HUF

EVEN IF YOU WERE TO DIE HERE, YOU WOULDN'T BE CONSIDERED BLUNTED OR DULL.

IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE INCONVE-NIENT.

YOU CAN'T JUDGE THE WARRIOR BY THE BLADE.

YOU USED YOUR BODY AS A SHIELD TO TRY TO DEFEND THEM.

...SEIZED WITH FEAR AND FLEEING UPON HEARING MY NAME, WHO TRULY ARE WORTHLESS LUMPS OF IRON.

IT IS YOUR COMPANIONS, WHO ABANDONED THE FIGHT AT THE VERY BEGINNING...

HUF

HUF

PROMISE ME ONE THING...

AS COMPENSATION FOR MY DEATH...

NAME IT.

LEAVE MY FELLOW SAMURAI ALONE.

I SHALL SING YOUR PRAISES, AND YOU'LL LIVE ON AS A HERO!

SO STATE YOUR NAME AS COMPENSATION FOR YOUR DEATH!

HUF

HERE'S THE ANTIDOTE.

FSH

...!

...

BUT SOMETIMES ONE CAN TELL FROM FIGHTING THAT PERSON...

...AND YOU ARE A RARE ONE INDEED.

SQIK...

I TOLD YOU THAT ONE CANNOT TELL IF SOMEONE HAS CONVICTION OR NOT JUST BY LOOKING AT THEM.

HUF

HUF

?!

FSH

I SHALL SPARE YOUR LIFE TODAY...

...THOUGH YOU'VE TAKEN IN SO MUCH POISON THERE IS STILL A CHANCE YOU MAY DIE.

GULP

?

I SHALL USE YOU AS A TEST CASE.

I TOO HAVE MY OWN CONVICTION...

...TO BRING PEACE TO THIS WORLD.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE ONE'S CONVICTIONS THROUGH.

TO SEE IF YOU WILL DIE STILL EMBRACING YOUR CONVICTIONS...

...OR WHETHER YOU END UP SURVIVING, AND ABANDON THOSE CONVICTIONS OVER TIME.

YOU HAVE DONE WELL.

THERE IS STILL A WAY TO STOP ME. YES, I AM IMMORTAL... BUT I DID TELL YOU BEFORE, MIFUNÉ, DO YOU REMEMBER?

SLIP...

FSSSH...

STAY BACK UNTIL THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, AND THEN SEAL ME AWAY.

...IS NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN TELL JUST BY LOOKING.

THAT...

KLANK

!

I'LL BE ALL RIGHT. I'VE GOT RESISTANCE TO THIS POISON, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS NOT AT SO CLOSE A DISTANCE.

EVERYONE RETREAT WITH ME AND PREPARE THE SEAL!

TROT TROT

LORD MIFUNÉ! HE'S GOING TO RELEASE HIS VENOM!

FSH...

MIFUNÉ, I...

TMP...

THIS SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT. WE'LL WATCH HIM FROM HERE.

LORD HANZO...

WAP

NOW I CAN SAY FOR SURE...

SHF...

...IT WAS WORTH SURVIVING THAT VENOM.

SEP-PUKU?!

HE'S DISOBEYING THE ORDERS EMBEDDED IN HIS TAG?!

!

DRIP

EVEN RESISTANT... I FEEL PAIN...

TIME FOR MIND-LESS MODE THEN.

HE KILLED HIM-SELF?!

VEEN

VEEN

...ENTRUST YOU WITH MY CONVICTION !!

SH

SLOOSH

...

HE WAS ABLE TO FIGHT THE MAN IN THE SHAD-OWS!
LORD HANZO FOUGHT THE CONTROLLER AND WON!

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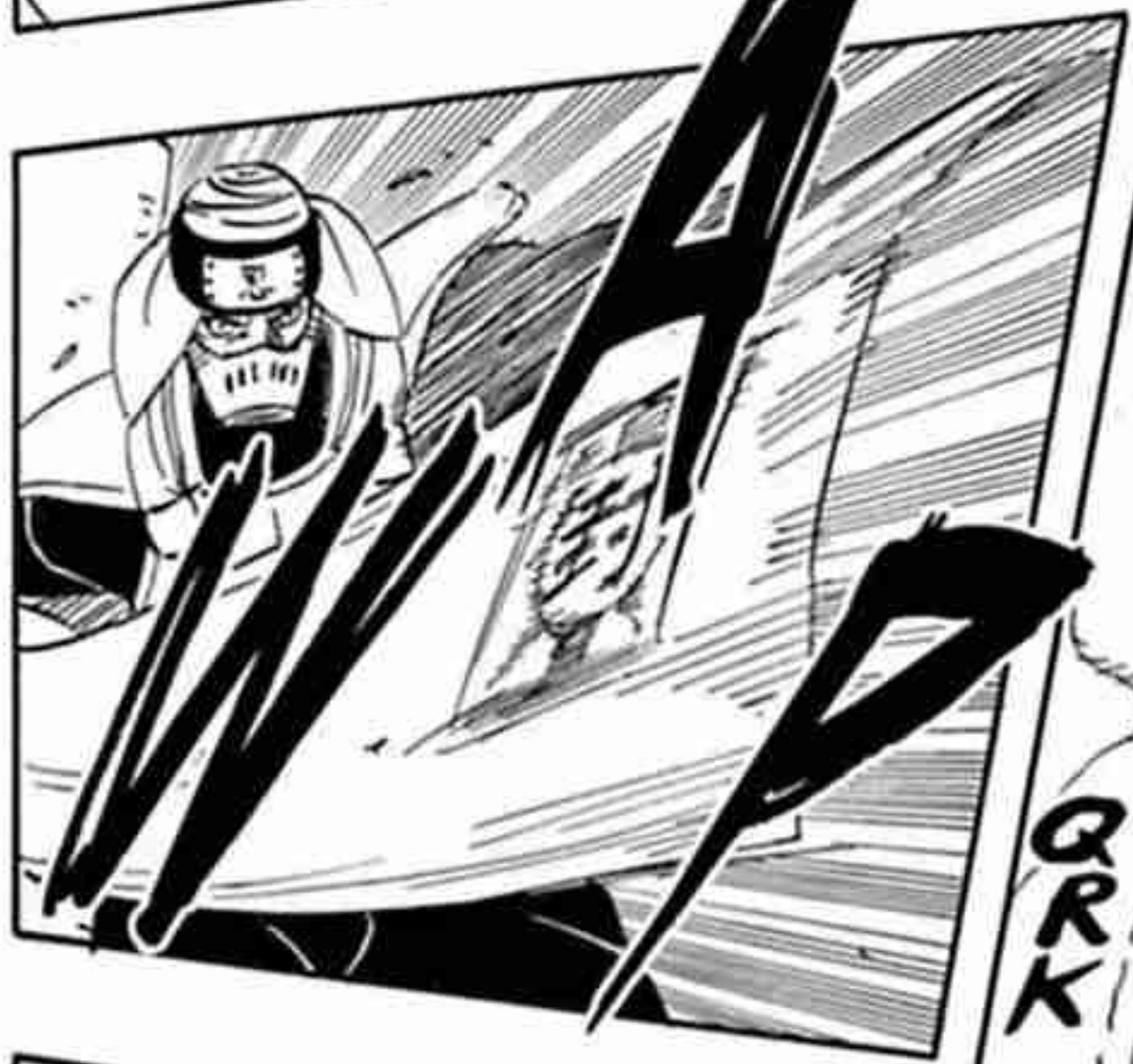

QRK
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IF YOU REMAIN TRUE TO YOUR SELF...
YOU SHOW YOU'RE NOT JUST A BLUNTED BLADE!

WHY'S HE NOT MOVING ?!
WHAT ?!

WHOOSH

I HEREBY WITNESS YOUR CONVICTION!

I SHALL SING **YOUR** PRAISES AND YOU WILL LIVE ON AS A HERO!!

TRULY SPLENDID, LORD HANZO!!

THO

OH

BOOM

SWOO—

BOOF

READ THIS WAY
SHIKA-MARU! WEAVE SHADOW POSSES-SION WEBS AND GET ME TO CHOJI!
SHADOW POSSES-SION TECH-NIQUE!!
I WAS AL-READY ON IT!
NOW, CHOJI!
GOOD!

KR!

EEK

CHOJI!

PULL YOURSELF TO-GETHER! CONCEN-TRATE!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, CHOJI?!

I CAN'T TAKE MY MASTER DOWN!!

I'M SORRY! I CAN'T DO IT!!

NARUTO

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CRA
YAAR!!
SH
WHOOS
THOOM
THIS IS PHENOM-ENAL. BUT WHOSE IS IT?
YEAH! I GOT THE LIGHTNING ONE!!
SCR EEE
TAK TAK TAK

WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS?!
WHY?

JUST BARELY.
WUMP
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
WUMP

I KNOW, BUT...
I KNOW!

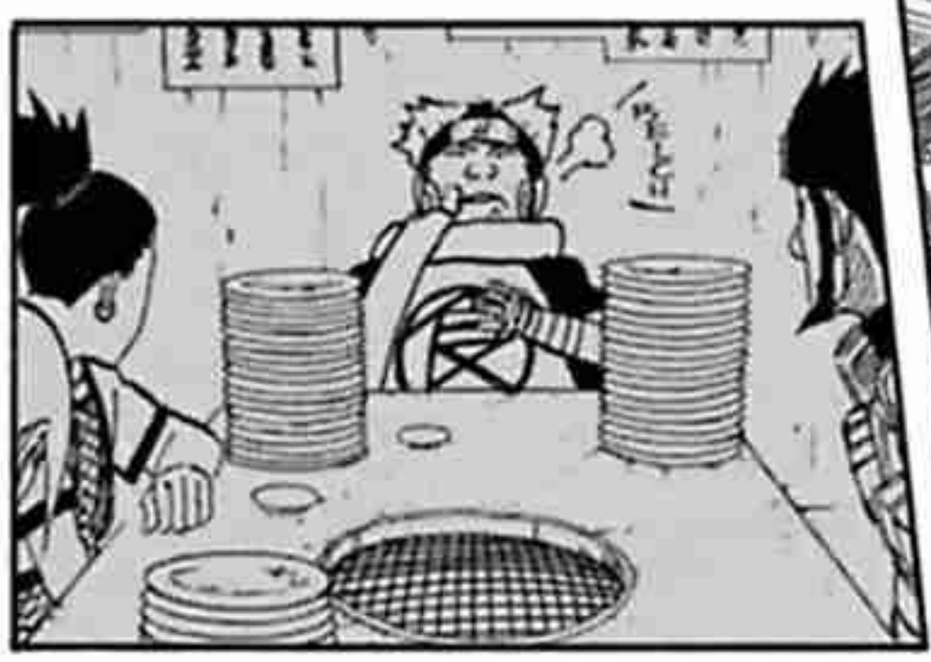
WHAT'S WITH THE LONG FACE, CHOJI? I'M AN ENEMY NOW!
IT'S WAY TOO LATE TO COMPLAIN! WE AGREED TO TAKE ASUMA DOWN, REMEMBER?!
YOU DON'T NEED TO HOLD BACK. I'M ALREADY DEAD!

!!

SNAP OUT OF IT, FATSO!!
TAKE ME DOWN!!

...!

YAAH!!



WHY, CHOJI ?!!
SNAP
SNAP
CHAF

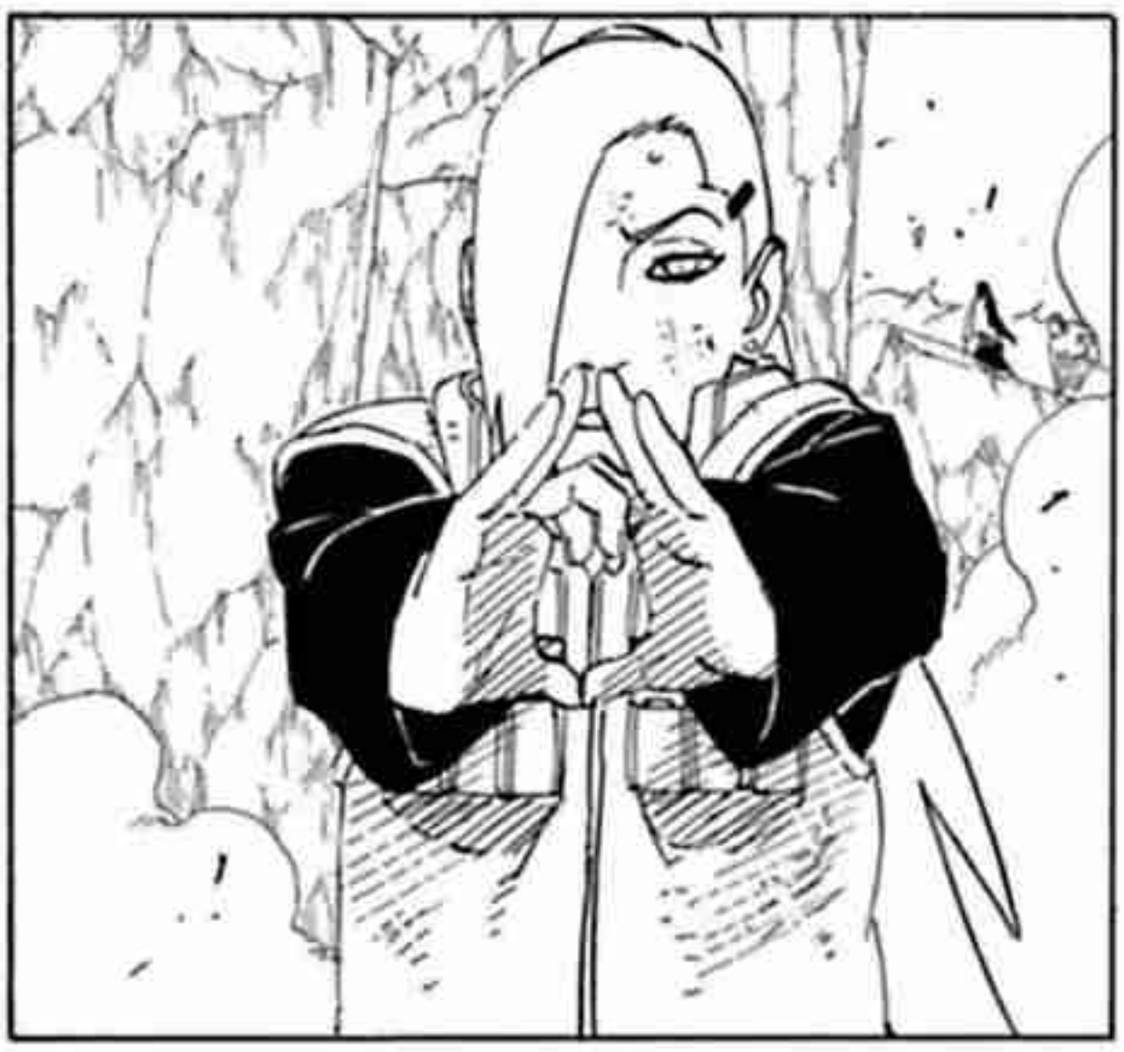
CHOJI'S LOST HIS FIGHTING SPIRIT!!
BOOM
FSH

!

SWOOSH
SWSH

CHOJI! DUCK!
CHOJI !!
FOILED AGAIN!!
KLA
NG

WHAS



PHEW, THAT WAS CLOSE!

BAM

THANKS FOR THE SHADOW POSSES-SION, SHIKAMARU.
THUD

BUT WE KNOW MASTER ASUMA! WE CAN STOP HIM WITH MINIMAL DAMAGE TO REST OF THE ALLIED FORCES!
SHIKAMARU AND I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT HIM, EITHER!
KLAK
KLAK

WE COMPLETED A WHOLE LOT OF MISSIONS TOGETHER WITH MASTER ASUMA, BACK WHEN WE WERE CELL NUMBER 10.
INO!
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE FEELING.

...!

CHOJI, REMEMBER WHY WE WEAR THESE PIERCINGS?!
...

NOW ALL THREE OF YOU ARE CHÛNIN.

CHOJI!
BOOM
BAM BAM BAM...
KLANG

FROM HERE ON OUT, EACH OF YOU SHALL BECOME CAPTAINS OF YOUR VERY OWN, NEW TEAMS.

AND AS SUCH, I AM NO LONGER YOUR LEADER.

READ THIS WAY
...AND...
...THESE PIERCINGS ARE ALSO PROOF TO YOUR RESPECTIVE CLANS THAT EACH OF YOU HAVE COME INTO YOUR OWN.
THESE EARRINGS ARE MY PRESENT TO YOU FOR ACHIEVING CHÛNIN RANK.
DON'T YOU EVER FORGET THAT WE WERE ONCE CELL NUMBER 10!
NOW GO ON!
YOUR CLAN SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AS FULL SHINOBI IN YOUR OWN RIGHT!
GO TO YOUR FAMILIES, SHOW THEM THE PIERC-INGS.
YOU ALL ALREADY KNOW THE TALE BEHIND WHY WE WEAR THEM, RIGHT?
...
!
FOOSH
FIRE STYLE! BURNING ASH!!
AIEE!

FFZ

OOH

KKZ

WHICH REMINDS ME, REMEMBER OUR CONVERSATION ABOUT THE KING? LET ME TELL YOU WHO IT IS. GIVE ME YOUR EAR.

...

MISTER CHOZA !!

UNGH...

...ENTRUST YOU WITH MY KING!!
I HEREBY...

THE KING REPRESENTS ALL THE FUTURE GENERATIONS WHO SHALL INHERIT KONOHA.
KURENAI IS PREGNANT WITH MY CHILD.

WE'RE THE PROTECTORS NOW!!
DO YOU WANT ASUMA TO MURDER HIS OWN CHILD?!! YOU DISHONOR HIS LEGACY BY LISTENING TO THIS ZOMBIE!!!
STAY FOCUSED, CHOJI!!
WE DON'T NEED PROTECTING ANYMORE!

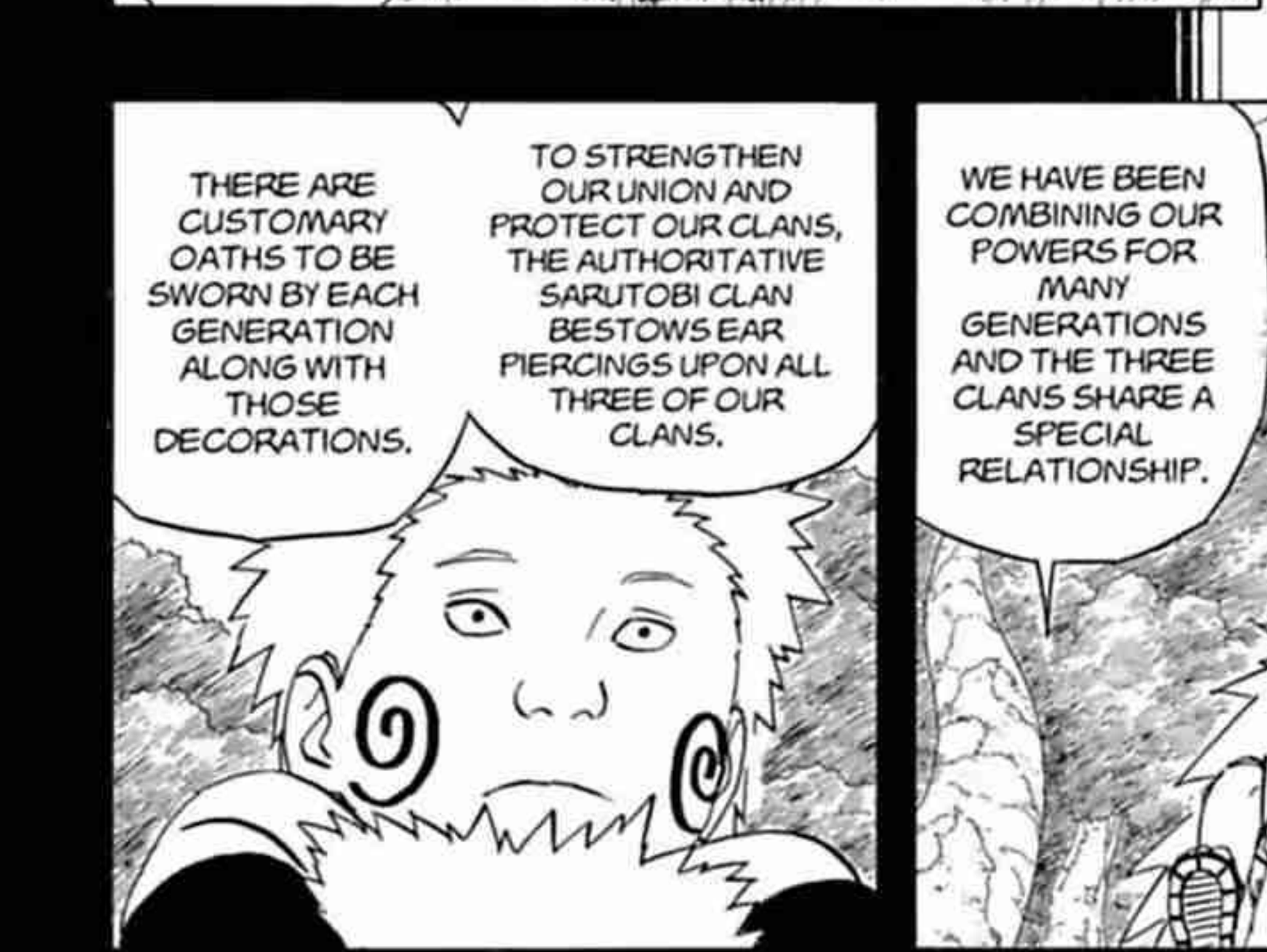
G-G-G-G-
UNGH.

REMEMBER THE PIERCINGS AND WHAT THEY STAND FOR!
LISTEN TO SHIKA-MARU!
...

HUF
HUF

REMEMBER THAT YOU'RE THE 16TH HEAD OF THE AKIMICHI CLAN!!

QUIT WHINING AND POUTING, CHOJI!!!



WE WEAR THESE PIERCINGS TO CONTINUOUSLY REMIND OURSELVES OF THE OATHS WE SWORE.

YOU'LL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO DO IT TOO.

YOU MEAN THESE, RIGHT?

I SAW THE OTHER CLANS' LEADERS HAD THEM TOO. THEY LOOK PAINFUL!

(NINJA ACADEMY)

IT'S A PRACTICE TO TEACH ONE'S CHILD ABOUT ONE'S OATHS.

BUT I HATE PAIN!

WHAT?! WHY?

FROM THE TIME MY CHILD BECOMES A GENIN UNTIL HE OR SHE ACHIEVES CHŪNIN STATUS, I AM TO LEND MY PIERCINGS TO HIM OR HER.

WHAT IS IT?

UH...

DO YOU REALLY THINK I CAN GET MARRIED?

FROM THIS DAY ON, YOU'RE A FULL SHINOBI TOO.

AND NOW YOU'LL SWEAR YOUR OWN OATH UPON THESE NEW PIERCINGS, TAKING ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF RAISING YOUR OWN CHILD TO EVENTUALLY PASS THESE ON TO.

LOOK, I WAS ABLE TO MARRY, WASN'T I? BE MORE CONFIDENT!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHY MASTER ASUMA CONTINUES TO BE HARD ON YOU?

YOU DON'T ?

Y-YEAH.

FSH

YOU KNOW THE WORDS ALREADY, DON'T YOU?

NOW, CHOJI! IT'S TIME TO SWEAR YOUR OATH!

I DON'T THINK I'LL BE AS LUCKY AS YOU, PA. TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

GIRLS AREN'T AS OPEN-MINDED.

I THOUGHT BOTH MY HEART AND BODY WOULD GET STRONGER.

I THOUGHT I'D CHANGE WHEN I GOT OLDER.

MISTER CHOZA, WE NEED YOU! PLEASE HURRY!

THD THD THD

THAT AS THE 16TH AKIMICHI CLAN LEADER, I SHALL PASS ON THIS OATH ENTRUSTED TO ME BY THE 15TH LEADER...
I HEREBY SWEAR!
...UNTO THE 17TH, TO MY CHILD THAT IS TO BE!

SORRY! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!

I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST AN OATH.

...SWEAR TO TRANSFORM FROM A LOWLY CATERPILLAR TO A POWERFUL BUTTERFLY...!
YOU CAN GO BACK!
THANK YOU, INO. I'M OKAY NOW.
I, AKIMICHI CHOJI, IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE YAMANAKA AND NARA CLANS, AND DEFEND KONOHA...

...AND TAKE FLIGHT !!!

TIME TO CHANGE!!

NARUTO

G- G- G- G- G- G-

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OH YEAH!!

FOOSH...

I'M GOING UP!

THOOM

FZZZ

FZZZZ

BUT THAT'S ALL OVER NOW.

I'M SORRY THAT CHOJI HAS ALWAYS BEEN TROUBLE.

MISTER CHOZA.

...

HE'S TRULY WORTHY NOW OF BEING THE 16TH AKIMICHI LEADER.

DO IT!

WE'VE GOT ASUMA!

YOU PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE REST, BIG CHOZA!

TOK

BOOM

TOK

WEAKEN HIM, THEN GET HIM OVER HERE!

WE NEED TO GET IN THERE TOO...

SHIKAMARU, GET MY BACK!!

TAK

HEY SEALING CORPS, YOU THINK THIS IS EASY?

...

SHUT UP!

SHOOM

NOW, INO!

TUP

MIND TRANSFER TECH-NIQUE!!

WUMP

FSH
FSH

SHADOW; STITCHING TECH-NIQUE!!
MY TURN!

THK THK

VOOSH

THIS ONE'S GONNA HIT ME.
WELL DONE, CHOJI.

TAK

NOW YOU'VE GOT IT!
KEEP IT UP, AND YOU'LL BE THE STRONGEST OF THEM ALL!
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO SEE.
CHOJI...
WHAM

THE CONFI-DENCE YOU NEED!

CHOJI!!

WHOA !!

URK URK

URK

SLA

WA

P

WAP

FOOSH

WHO

CLAZY

OSH

YOU STOPPED ME WITH MY OWN WEAPON. I'M MOVED.

BUT I CAN'T MOVE!

WHU

MP

TOK

WHAT ?!

WAIT!

LEAVE THE REST TO US!

...CUZ OF MY SHADOW POSSES-SION SHURIKEN.

YOU CAN'T MOVE...

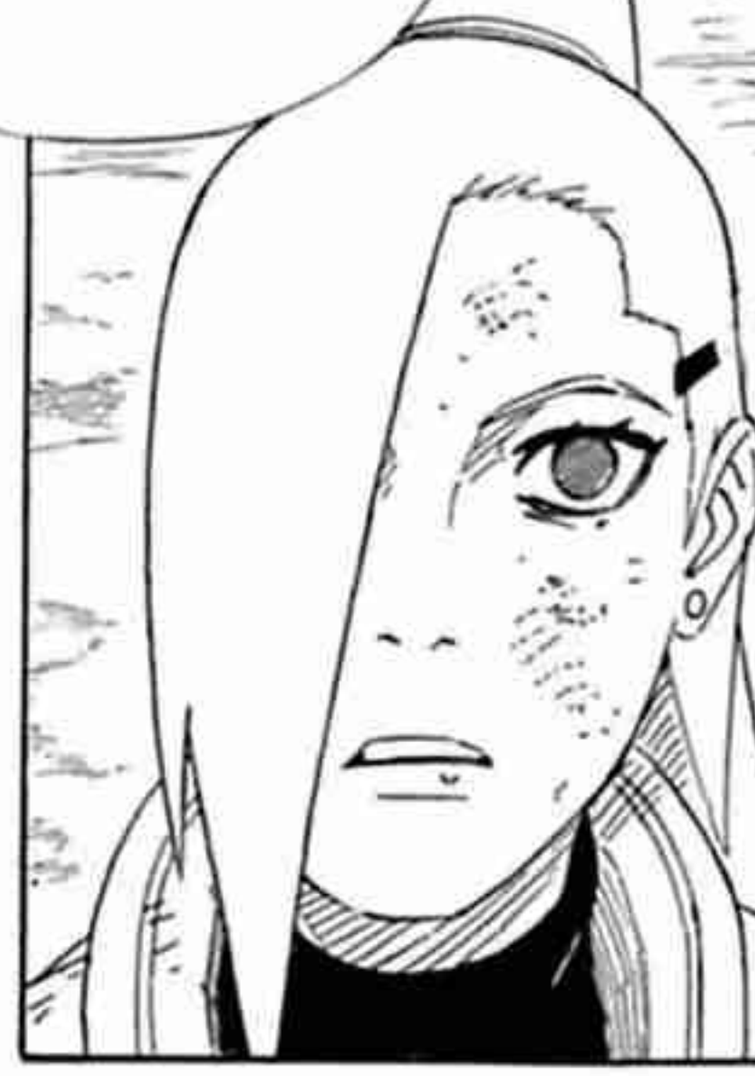
THERE'S JUST ONE THING THAT I COULDN'T TELL YOU LAST TIME...

WE'VE ALREADY HEARD YOUR LAST WORDS ONCE.

ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO PUT US THROUGH THAT AGAIN?

I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO SAY TO YOU THREE.

YOUR INO-SHIKA-CHO FORMATION IS COMPLETE!



THANK YOU.

SHOOOO

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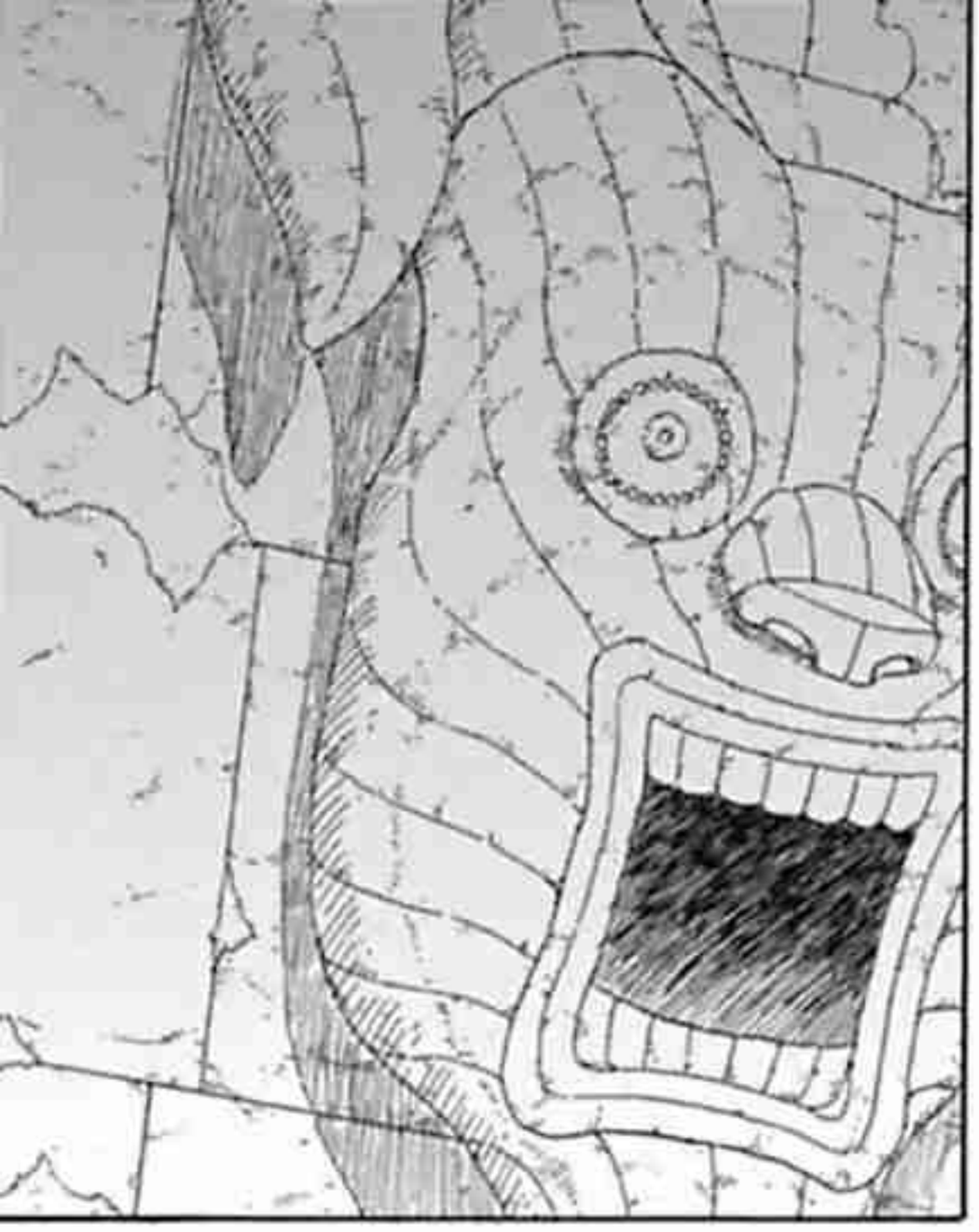
THE GAP
BUT I'LL NEED YOU TWO, SHIKAMARU AND INO!!
I'M ENDING THIS BATTLE NOW!!
GRRR
WHAT'S THAT?!



I'VE KNOWN YOU FOREVER, CHOJI.
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU TAKE CHARGE!
YOU GOT IT!

...

HUF
HUF
YOU NEED TO START TRAINING AND STOP SHIRKING ♪
THIS ISN'T WORKING ♪

WHAT ?
FSH
SOME-THING'S BUGGING ME!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WITH NINE TAIL CHAKRA, GET REAL♪
CHAKRA CAN'T GET IN OR OUTTA THIS SEAL♪

BUT I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT HAS IT, RIGHT?
FSH...
SOOO ...
I SENSED NINE TAILS CHAKRA, EARLIER, YA KNOW?

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP LYING TO HIM. WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO, BEE?

HE SENSED THE CHAKRA WHILE SEALED IN THIS SPACE.

THE GOLD & SILVER BROTHERS ALSO POSSESS THE NINE TAILS CHAKRA.

WHICH MEANS OROCHIMARU'S JUTSU HAS REANIMATED THEM.

NARUTO'S FIGURING IT OUT.

DON'T COUNT ON IT.

YOU CAN'T LET NARUTO OUT OF THIS SPACE!

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR, EIGHT!

DO?

COME ON! WEREN'T YOU PAYING ATTENTION TO THE PLAN?!

YOU IDIOT! HE'LL ESCAPE THE SPACE!

GO WITH HIM!!

THE FIRST DOORWAY ON THE LEFT, OUTSIDE.

WHERE'S THE BATH-ROOM?

FSH....

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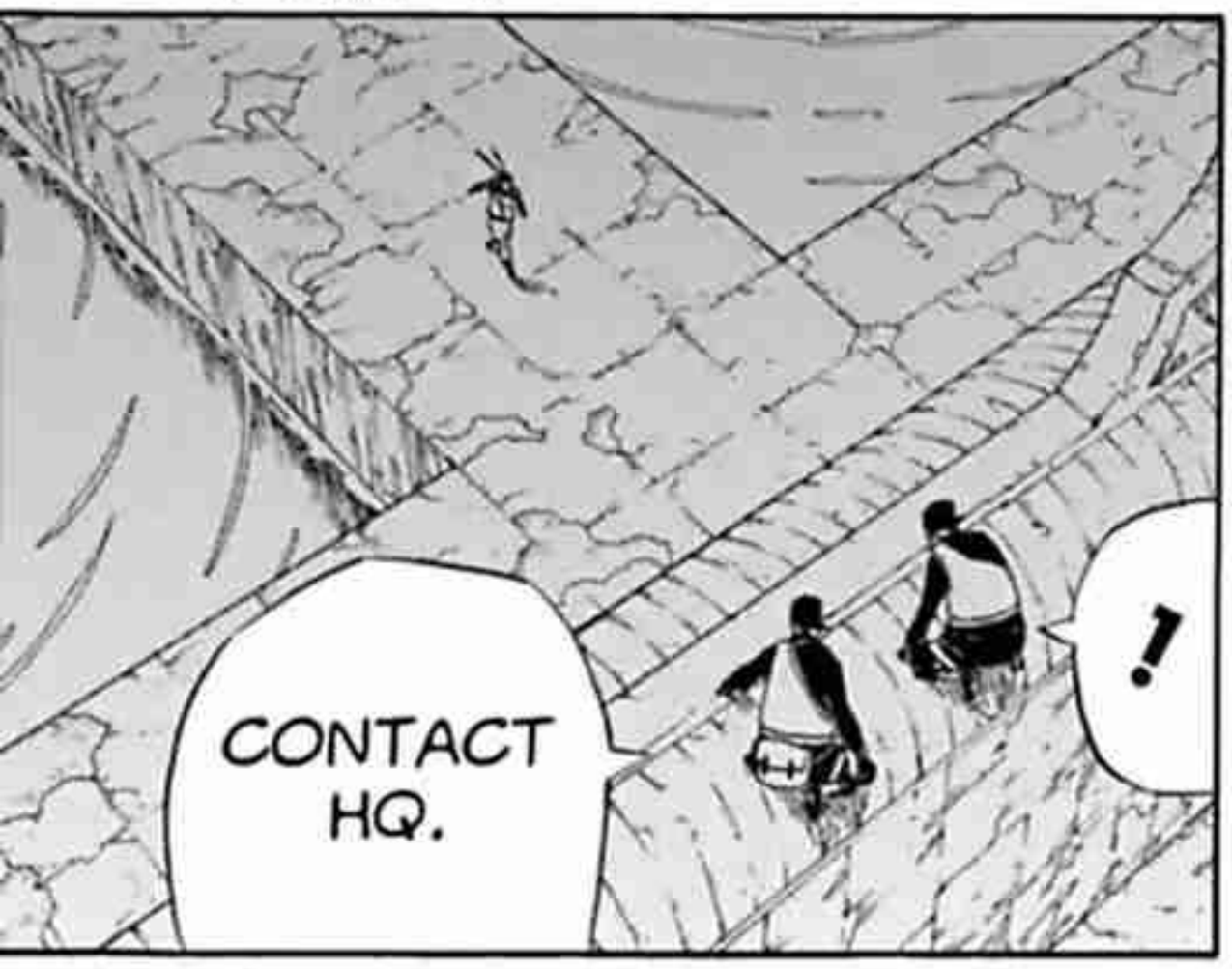
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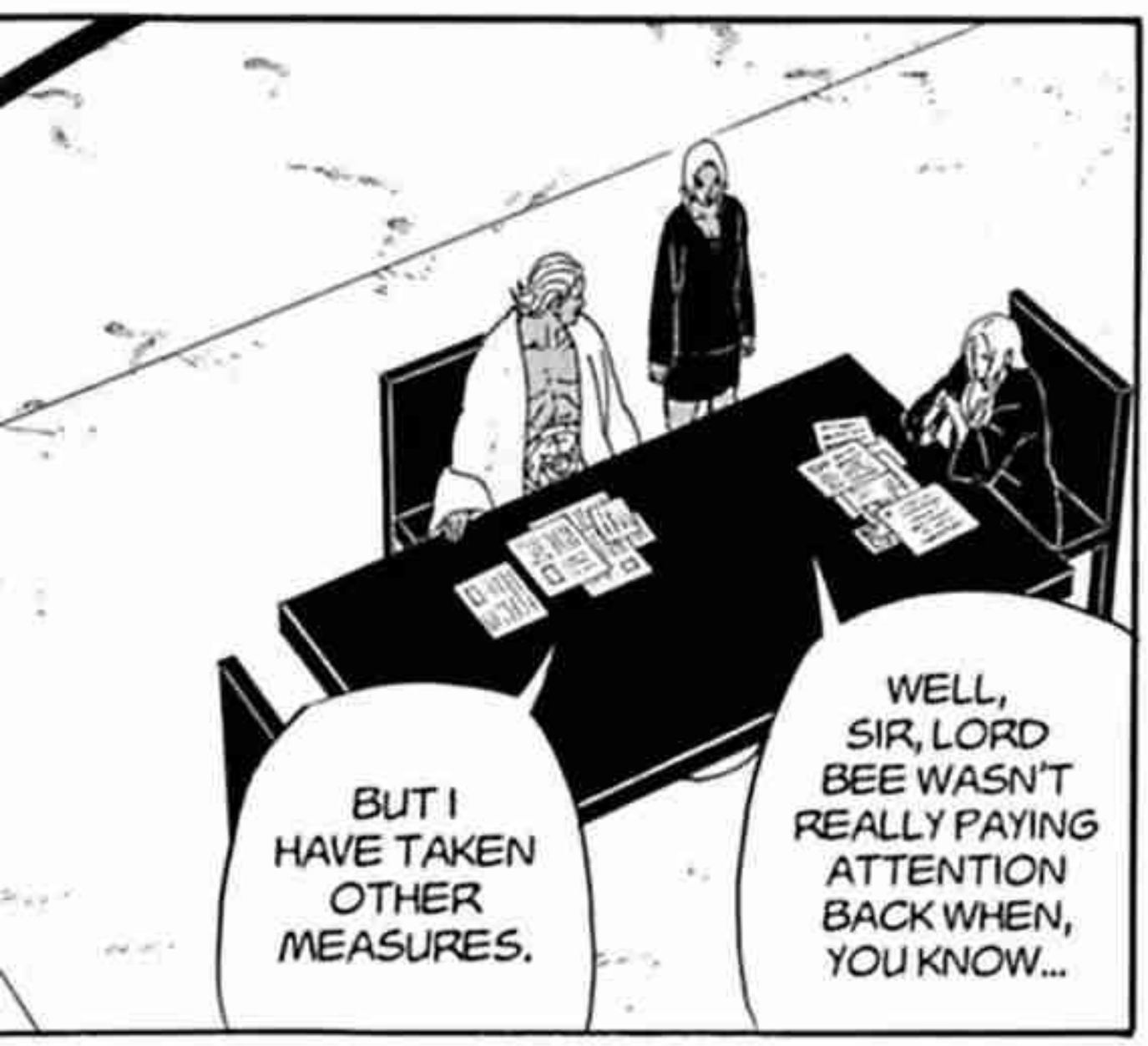
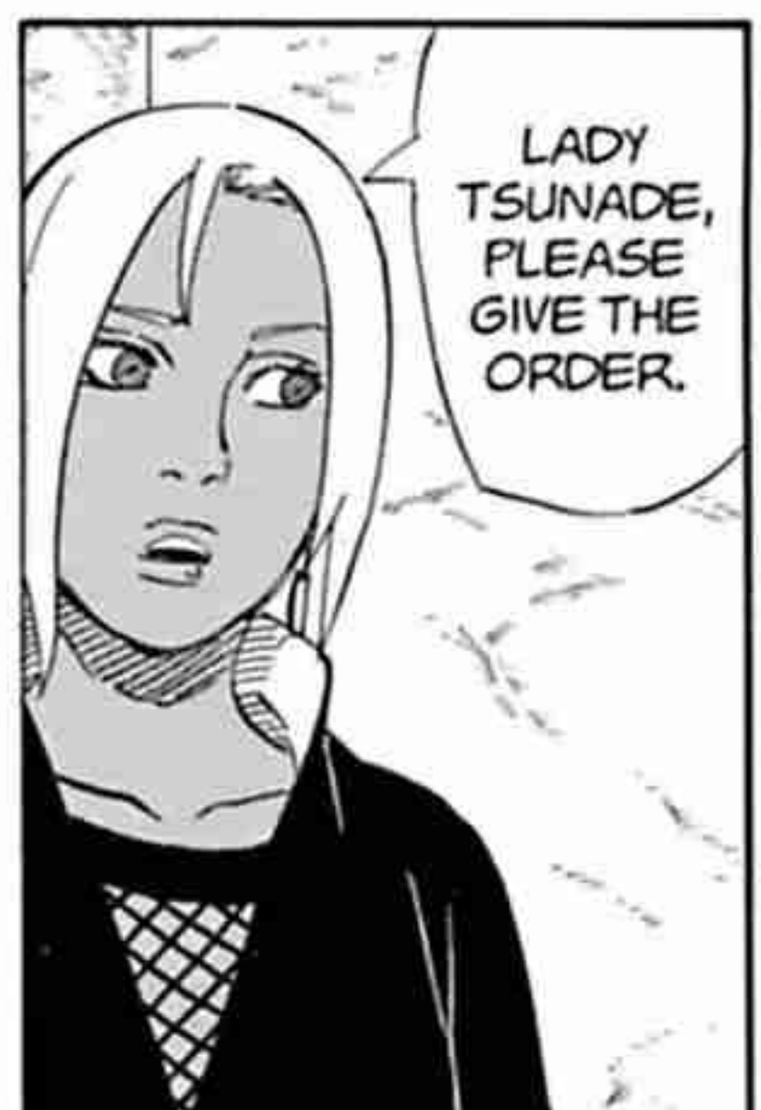
OOPS!
WOOSH


BUT I HAVE TAKEN OTHER MEASURES.
WELL, SIR, LORD BEE WASN'T REALLY PAYING ATTENTION BACK WHEN, YOU KNOW...

WHAT ?!!
NINE TAILS IS TRYING TO ESCAPE?!! WHAT'S BEE DOING?

SCREECH

YES!


LADY TSUNADE, PLEASE GIVE THE ORDER.

HALT, NARUTO!

I KNEW SOME-THING WAS UP!

WHY ARE THERE SO MANY LOOK-OUTS?!

WE'LL TALK THERE.
INSIDE.

OKAY, WHY IS SHINO'S DAD HERE?
WHY ARE YOU WATCHING ME?!

NARUTO, I'M SORRY, BUT WE CANNOT LET YOU PASS.
YOU MUST COOPERATE AND RETURN TO YOUR ASSIGNED SPACE.

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